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Germany Finds Use of Power Stirs Painful Comparisons

By Marc Fisher

BERLIN - Germany condemns Turkey's use of

force against its Kurdish minority, so President Turgut Ozal accuses Germany of "trying to prove it's a great power" as "Hitler's Germany" did in the past. Chancellor Helmut Kohl invites the internationally shunned President Kurt Waldheim of Austria to

lunch, so Foreign Minister David Levy of Israel fires a They say there is a different Germany. We would like to see an expression of that change."

Nearly half a century after the end of World War II.

Germany suddenly finds itself the subject of emotional comparisons of its foreign policy with that of the Nazis — a taboo rarely breached in the postwar era, but almost offhandedly broken since Germany

If that is the tenor of criticism from Turkey and Israel, two countries whose friendship Germany has courted as intensely as any on earth, Germans can

expect even more hurtful barbs elsewhere. They came aplenty a few months ago when Germany led the push for international recognition of inde-pendence for the Yugoslav republics of Croatia and Slovenia. Then, too, while Germany protested that it was only fighting for human rights and protection of minorities, Yugoslav politicians and military leaders raised the specter of revived German arrogance and expansionism and French commentators spoke of a "Fourth Reich."

Even as the United States and many European countries urge the reunited Germany to take on greater responsibilities in world affairs, German politicians find that as soon as they show signs of a foreign policy in any way independent of Washington's, they are attacked as latter-day Nazis.

In Turkey, a major daily this weekend printed a cartoon showing Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher wearing a swastika armband and giving a

In Israel, the presidium of the parliament called a special session to denounce Mr. Kohl for inviting Mr. Waldheim to lunch, a spokesman for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir referred to "sinister winds now blow-

ing through Europe" and the Jerusalem Post won-dered whether Mr. Kohl was "trying to appease Ger-man neo-Nazis, whose strength is rising."

"Germany changed a lot after the unification," Mr.

Ozal told an Istanbul newspaper. "It is as if it is trying to intervene in everything, toterfere with everyone. In the past, Hitler's Germany did the same thing. But, of course, it did so in other ways. If today's Germany also does this, not in Hitler's way, but through the misuse of its economic power or by hurling threats, it will

soon discover it has taken a wrong course,"
Mr. Kohl on Monday strongly denounced Mr.
Ozal's statements, calling them "unacceptable in tone
and contents" and saying the comparison with Nazi
Germany was "completely incomprehensible."

"Of course, we Germans felt even before unification

that we were always watched with great exactitude for such 'violations,' "said Klaus Becher, an analyst at the German Society for Foreign Affairs in Bonn. "But now, after unification, we have to learn that our foreign policy actions have a greater weight. These criticisms are an especially hurtful way of criticizing Germany, but we know these comments have little to

do with actual history and are used more as a symbol.

Symbolic or not, comparisons with the Nazi period elicit rage from Germans who pride themselves on being as different as is conceivably possible from their Nazi forefathers.

"Our problem is that we have not yet perceived in Germany that our neighbors see us as much larger and stronger than we were before unification." said a leading German official who asked not to be named. But the same official said that, despite the recent

criticism from Turkey, Israel and parts of what was Yugoslavia, "this is not German-bashing we are experiencing."

"We still live in paradise compared to what the Japanese are getting," he said.

Far from seeking any expansion of their country's power, some German politicians say their country has not yet gone far enough toward taking on the larger world responsibilities that Mr. Kohl promised to as-

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Schmidt's Warning on Nationalism

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BONN - German criticism of Enropean unity

reflects a resurgence of the nationalism that Bonn's neighbors fear and the Enropean Community was meant to contain, a former chancellor, Helmut Schmidt, said in an interview Monday. The domestic chorus criticizing Bonn's decision

to give up the Deutsche mark for a common European currency by 1999 now ranged from left to right, he noted.

"If liberals like Augstein, reactionaries like Gauweiler and Socialists like Lafontaine are firing off these days against the Ecu, that shows there is a

UN Council Delays Vote on Libya

Kadr, marking the 27th day of the fast month of Ramadan, as the

The council, which originally wanted to vote on Monday, held

closed consultations on the resolution, which would require all countries to bar air traffic to and from Libya, prohibit the supply of

any arms and reduce the size and level of Libyan diplomatie

common nationalist theme at work," he told the He was referring to Rudolf Augstein, Peter

Gauweiler and Oscar Lafontaine.

"That is exactly what our neighbors fear," said Mr. Schmidt, Social Democratic chancellor from 1974 to 1982. "They have also agreed to replace their guilders and francs with the Ect."

Mr. Augstein is the publisher of the newsweekly Der Spiegel, Mr. Lafontaine the failed Socialist candidate for chancellor in 1990 and Mr. Gauweiler the Bavarian environment minister who loudly ridicules the Ecu as "Esperanto money."

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Prime Minister Edith Cresson, speaking in Paris on Monday, appears increasingly likely to be dismissed from her post.

Paris Cabinet Shift Seems Imminent

By Roger Cohen

New York Times Service PARIS - After a second stinging defeat for his Socialist Party in local elections Sunday, President François Mitterrand appears certain to reshuffle his govern-

ment this week. The only question being asked Monday following the Socialists' loss of five local strongholds to rightist parties in cantonal elections was not whether a government change was coming but which day the

president would choose to act. Asked if a government reshuffle was imminent, a presidential spokeswoman. Muriel de Pierrebourg, said, "One may

assume so." While emphasizing that no official word had come from the president, she added, "If the president feels he must take account of the message of voters, there is no reason to wait beyond this week." It seemed increasingly likely that the

ie me ocparture o Prime Minister Edith Cresson, who has proved deeply unpopular during her 10 months in office. The influential Le Monde newspaper

depicted her Monday on its front page with knives, axes and arrows sticking into her beneath a headline saying that Mr. Mitterrand was now obliged to draw the lessons of his party's defeat.

It was less clear, however, who might replace Mrs. Cresson. Opinion polls show that Jacques Delors, the highly effective president of the EC Commission, would be by far the most popular choice. But his spokesman said Monday in Brussels that Mr. Delors intended to complete his term,

which runs until the end of this year.

Other candidates who have been widely mentioned are Pierre Beregovoy, 66, the finance minister, and Jack Lang, 52, the culture minister. The former is a man of studied reserve; the latter of sometimes

quickly to change the government was increased by a brouhaha over the apparent appeal of two ministers to the National

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extravagant enthusiasms. The pressure on Mr. Mitterrand to act

Jean-Marie Rausch, the centrist minister of post and telecommunications, on Monday resigned the presidency of the Lorraine region after allegations that he

gained the post with votes from the Na-On Saturday, Jean-Pierre Soisson, the

civil service minister, resigned from the

Disturbances Escalate in **Ex-Soviet** Republics

Georgia Uprising Grows, Armenians Report High Nagorno-Karabakh Toll

MOSCOW - Rebels loyal to Zviad K. Gamsakhurdia, the ousted president of Georgia, ignored government orders Monday to surren-

der their western strongholds by midnight and announced plans to march on Tbilisi. Unrest was also reported in the former Soviet republic of Moldova and in the disputed Na-

gorno-Karabakh region of Transcaucasia.

In Moscow, officials from various ethnic groups met to discuss a new federative treaty to prevent Russia's patchwork of nationalities from being torn apart like the Soviet Umon

"It must become that saving act which can prevent the collapse of the Russian state." Itar-Tass said of the pact, which was due to be signed on Tuesday.

Three of 20 regions of Russia where non-Russians predominate, including the industrial centers of Chechenya and Tatarstan, have balked at signing a comprehensive treaty. They demand a greater say in their own affairs, including control over oil and other resources.

In Georgia, where the former Soviet foreign minister, Eduard A. Shevardnadze, took over as leader this month to try to assert control over simmering ethnie problems, the ruling State Council sent 1,500 national guardsmen to subdue the rebellion by supporters of Mr. Gamsakhurdia. A deadline of midnight Monday was set for the rebels to lay down their arms.

"It was stated that Zviad Gamsakhurdia's supporters are planning to organize a march from western Georgia towards Tbilisi on March 31," Georgian radio said.

Mr. Gamsakhurdia fled into exile in January after a violent power struggle. Branded a dictator by his opponents, he won the fanatical devotion of many Georgian nationalists because he led the small republic to indepen-

Georgia's new rulers have so far failed to extinguish resistance by his supporters, who seized six western towns over the weekend. Mr. Gamsakhurdia's present whereabouts are unknown, but he is widely believed to be in

hiding in a neighboring Caucasian territory, the Chechen republic.
Elsewhere in Transcaucasia, ethnic Armenians said Monday that they had injucted

heavy casualties while repelling an Azerbaijani offensive in Nagorno-Karabakh, but Azerbaijan denied that the attack had taken place.

forces attacking the region's capital, Stepanakert, had been routed and that about 600 had been killed. But an Azerbaijani Interior Ministry spokesman denied that there had been an offensive against Stepanakert. Previously, only sporadic clashes had marred a cease-fire that came into force on March 20.

Further west along the former Soviet periphery, fresh violence flared in Moldova despite a state of emergency intended to balt ethnic con-

A Moldovan Interior Ministry spokesman Dumitru Corlateanu, said Monday that a po-liceman was killed in a rocket attack and three were wounded by machine-gun fire to the area

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Mafia Halts Italy's Hope For Change

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service PALERMO, Sicily — Italians vote next Sunday and Monday in a national election that offers them the first real opportunity in more than four decades to change a style of government widely perceived as

That, at least, is the theory among commentators, writers and even some politicians on Italy's mainland. Here, where the Mafia holds sway, the calculations are dif-

Ever since Sicily's leading power broker was shot to death by the Mafia this month, the organized crime families of this island have shown that as far as they are concerned and whatever happens elsewhere, there will be no such reversal of the way business is transacted here.

leading official of the governing Christian Democrats, was killed by the Mafia. Since then, police reinforcements have arrived in Palermo, and some public figures have taken to strengthening their securi-

The mayor, Domenico Lo Vasco - also a Christian Democrat, though not nearly so influential as Mr. Lima - has had his personal bodyguard increased from two to

suspense" that the Mafia will strike at another politician.

Sicilians are pondering anew whether their island will ever shake off the grip of organized crime families that reach into the political



THE STRUGGLE IN MOLDOVA - A cossack visiting a comrade Monday who was wounded fighting independence seekers.

Stop This Airliner, I Want to Get Off!

By Larry McShane

The Associated Press NEW YORK - Snow is falling, and a ground crew is de-icing the wings. Your seat belt is fastened, the runway is clear - and you

want off the plane. Can you get off? It depends, say those in the airline industry.

"There is no set moment at which we say, 'No, you're never going to get off,' or, 'Yes, you can get off,' " said Tim Smith, an American Airlines spokesman. "In terms of reality, it's unlikely we'd return to the gate if we were second in line for takeoff."

Some are asking themselves the question after the March 22 crash of a USAir jet at La circumstances, said David Melancon, spokes-

Guardia Airport during a snowstorm. Flight 405 skidded off a runway on takeoff March 22. killing 27 people. Investigators are looking into whether the plane had ice on its wings. Although no asked to get off the plane,

several passengers were considering it. "If we take off like this, we're all dead, we're all dead," Tom Merrill of Norwalk, Ohio, reportedly said, in the apparent belief there was

indeed ice and snow on the wing. "We are on the plane to hell. We're going to die," a fellow passenger quoted Mr. Merrill as saying. Mr. Merrill survived.

man for the Association of Flight Attendants. A rule of thumb: If you're still at the gate, getting off the plane is no problem. But once the plane starts taxiing toward the runway . . .

"If somebody's fearful, really concerned about their safety, in that case we probably would go back," said Joe Hopkins of United. "We try to apply our best judgment as to what's reasonable.

The decision is ultimately the captain's, under Federal Aviation Administration regula-

"It's important to emphasize that people need to trust us and our decision on when it's See FLY, Page 8

Common Sense Loses Again At Last Minute, a Turk-Armenian Deal Fails

By Blaine Harden ngion Posi Service ISTANBUL - This is a tale of bow seven decades of hatred almost gave way to common sense.

The story, which unfolds amid the wreckage of the former Soviet Union, features two of the 20th century's most unyielding antagonists: Christian Armenia and Muslim Turkey. The cast includes an Istanbul

millionaire of Jewish origins, a Washington lawyer of Armenian descent and a fickle chorus of Turkish and Armenian politicians. U.S. diplomats move in the shadows as would-be matchmakers.

The plot is as simple as "you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours." Landlocked Armenia needs Turkey for access to the Black Sea. Turkey needs Armenia for access to Central Asia.

Yet, there is an unhappy ending. Borders remain closed, goods are not moving and mutual economic benefit is frittered away.

The moral, if one can be drawn

has supplanted the Soviet empire, is this: Never underestimate the offer, one viewed as lucrative for ease with which common sense can sink into the muck of ethnic violence, political posturing and bit-

Washington lawyer of Armenian descent who lobbies for the Armenian cause and who traveled to Turkey to try to make the deal "The Armenians cling to the hate

idea and yet they want to change their economy. It is so childish," said Ishak Alaton, the Istanbul millionaire who traveled to Armenia to try to make the deal work. It was last fall, in the waning

days of the Soviet Union, that the idea of a common-sense rapprochement between Armenia and Turkey was cooked up.

Armenian trade representatives requested a meeting in Moscow with Mr. Alaton, a Turkish contractor who has had wide experience in the Soviet republics. The from the new world disorder that Armenians had high-level instruc-

his company and for Turkey. Mr. Alaton needed no persuasion. He loved the idea.

ter, unforgiving memories.

"Turkey has got a past to live up to; nobody is going to forget that," grumbled Van Z. Krikorian, a other way."

son. He loved the idea.

"If you want to go to Central Asia, you have to go through Armenia," Mr. Alaton said. "There is no other way." Like thousands of Turkish entre-

preneurs, be is eager to do business in the resource-rich East. "I'm a Turkish businessman of

Jewish descent," Mr. Alaton said during a recent interview in his spacious top-floor office here. "My people have been here in Istanhul for 500 years. I think the Armenians pieked me because I am a Jew who would perhaps be more openminded than a Muslim and because f could make the right contacts with the Foreign Ministry in Anka-

The Armenians proposed a private venture to enlarge and modernize the port of Trabzon on the Turkish coast of the Black Sea. Bonded cargo could then be

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Junk Mail's Passage to India

By Steve Coll Washington Post Service

BOMBAY - Four times daily at the White House, the switchboard lights up and Amir Shroff is on the line again from Bombay, asking to speak with Chief of Staff Samuel K. Skinner or Barbara

Bush or sometimes the president himself. To White House telephone operators, Mr.

Shroff is no doubt a nuisance, one crank caller among many. The same is probably true at the Supreme Court, to which he sends faxes and telegrams, and on Capitol Hill, where he peppers members' offices with calls and messages.

But here in a splotched, fetid apartment half a

world away sits the man behind the pleading voice,

and he has a story to tell. "I lost my business, I lost my money, I lost my health, I lost everything," he said.

All of it happened after Mr. Shroff, a provincial

junk dealer from interior India, fell into the great sea of American junk mail. His is a tale of confusion and crossed signals in the postmodern global

For 20 years Mr. Shroff made a living buying and selling junk in Hyderabad, an overcrowded squalid city in central India. Business was good. but he itched for something bigger. A brother had moved to Illinois and wrote that America was a

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UNITED NATIONS, New York (Reuters) - The Security Council on Monday postponed for one day a vote to impose sanctions on Libya for failing to hand over two suspects in the 1988 bombing of a Pan American World Airways flight over Lockerbie, Scotland. Security Council members cited the Muslim holiday of Leilat al

reason for the delay.

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On March 12, Salvo Lima, a ty arrangements.

He travels in a bulletproof car. And since the killing, Mr. Lo Vasco said, "there is an atmosphere of

More ominously, though, many hierarchy to protect their pursuit of

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depending on the person, the complaint and the

Most airlines handle such cases individually

Shamir Attempts To Smooth Over Levy Controversy

By Clyde Haberman New York Times Service

JERUSALEM — Israel's governing Likod Party found itself Monday mired in crisis and staring at possible election setbacks following Foreign Minister David Levy's announced intention to leave the government.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir sought to make the best of a bad situation, calling the internal dissension "a joke" and insisting despite ample evidence to the contrary, that he had no differences with his foreign minister.

We're all members of the same tribe," Mr. Shamir said. With that remark, he was clearly trying to smooth over potentially nasty ethnic rivalries that took a defined shape on Sunday when Mr. Levy complained of having endured repeated slights from other party leaders because he was a Sephardic Jew, born in Morocco.

Although he appealed for everyone "to talk to each other," the prime minister offered nothing tangible that would persuade Mr. Levy to rescind his resignation announcement or prevent him from further by leaving not just the government but the party as well.

With parliamentary elections fewer than three months away, some politicians and press commentators warned that Likud. which has been in power since 1977, may be in serious trouble this

time.
"Even if in the end everyone will hug and kiss, as sometimes happens in Likud, the residue of the bitter words will ching and gnaw away," wrote Amnon Dankner, a columnist for the newspaper Hada-

Almost mevitably, the main beneficiary will be the opposition Labor Party, whose new leader, Yitzhak Rabin, said not a public word Monday while Likud's leaders clawed at one another.

Labor will choose its parliamentary list on Tuesday through a na-tionwide vote of its 160,000 members, the first party primary of this type in Israel, where candidates traditionally have been designated by party central committees

For all the uproar, it was still not clear if Mr. Levy was dead earnest

Ankara Rules Out **Autonomy for Kurds in Turkey**

ISTANBUL — Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel on Monday ruled out autonomy for Turkey's estimated 10 million Kurds, but he promised to devolve more power to

the provinces. If you open doors like autonomy or self-determination, we will all be divided, we will create such conflict among the people we will all be miserable," he said.

. Mr. Demirel said the government planned to give more power to provincial and municipal councils, but he said deccutralization was not specifically aimed at solving the crisis in the mainly Kurdish southeast, some of an eight-yearold guerrilla war with the separatist Kurdish Workers Party. Mr. Demirel said Germany.

which halted arms shipments to Turkey on Thursday because of alleged use of German-supplied weapons against Kurds, had not understood Turkey's problem with

"Countries fighting terrorism should be supported instead of being condemned," he said. "There's a basic mistake there."

Mr. Demirel, again denying that German weapons had been in action against Kurds, declined to characterize German-Turkish relations as being in crisis and pleaded for mutual understanding.



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about resigning or merely postur-ing in the hope that Mr. Shamir and other Likud leaders will squirm for a while and then offer political concessions to keep him aboard.

Those inclined to see an insincere ploy noted that Mr. Levy timed his announcement so that he has until next Sunday before he formally submits his resignation to the full cabinet, and then another two days before it can take effect. That is a lot of time for maneuvering, the skeptics say, arguing that if Mr. Levy truly did not want to be hired back into the fold he would have walked out on the party, too.

But Levy supporters insist that the breach is irreparable and that he had endured too many slights for a proud man. They would not be surprised, they say, if he leaves Likud, forms his own party and eventually offers himself as a postelection coalition partner to Labor's Mr. Rabin.

U.S. Proposes New Talks The United States said Monday that it had proposed convening a fifth round of Arab-Israeli peace talks in Washington on April 27 but would insist on moving subsequent negotiations closer to the Middle East, Reuters reported from Washington.

The State Department spokeswoman, Margaret D. Tutwiler, said the United States had conveyed to the parties - Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and the Palestinians a package deal under which there would be one final round of talks in

The package represents a compromise between Israel, which wants the talks to be shifted close to the Middle East and eventually to the region itself, and Arabs who preferred to stay in Washington.

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service
BASILDON, England — With her succes-

sor as prime minister, John Major, battling

for political survival in the British general election campaign, Margaret Thatcher bowed out of it Monday to keep a string of speaking engagements in the United States.

"Political swan song? Good heavens, no?"

she said. "I shall be active for a very, very

Mrs. Thatcher is expected to accept a title

and continue her political career in the House

of Lords, but she will not be returning to the

House of Commons after the April 9 election. And Mr. Major, whom she picked to succeed her after she resigned under pressure as Conservative Party leader in November 1990,

did not ask her to break off her American

tour to keep on campaigning for him, accord-

Whether this election is won by Mr. Major

or hy the opposition Labor Party leader, Neil

Kinnock, it will mark a generational turning

point, with not only Mrs. Thatcher, 67, but

ing to her aides here.



An extreme rightist, Baruch Marcel, left, being arrested in Israel on Monday as followers of Rabbi Meir Kahane confronted Arabs in Uum el Fahm. The Arabs were marking "Land Day," the occasion in 1976 when several Arabs were killed during land expropriations.

Algerians Dissolve 400 Assemblies

By Youssef M. Ibrahim New York Times Service

PARIS - Almost three months after a coup that put an end to free elections in Algeria, the confrontation between government and Is-lamic fundamentalists has deepened with the announcement Monday of plans to dissolve 400 elected local assemblies still con-trolled by the Islamic Salvation

Thatcher Bows Out of Tory Campaign

Whichever wins, "Thatcherism," the uncom-promising doctrine of individual self-reliance

and unfettered free enterprise that dominated

Britain for a decade, has already been re-placed by more mild-mannered, moderate

Some disciples of the "Iron Lady" think

Mr. Major's campaign so far has lacked much sizzle, but could have gained some by asking

"That is something that can't be admit-ted," one of her aides, Harvey Thomas, said

On her last day of campaigning, Mrs.

Later, she came to a renovated barn in a

country club in Little Waltham, in prosper-

ous, mostly Conservative Essex east of Lon-

don, to speak on behalf of the local Conserva-

tive member of Parliament, Simon Burns.

Now, All China Knows What Deng Wants

After 33 years as a member of Parliament

Thatcher did her best to sound entirely loyal.

"I will miss being on the campaign trail, but they can win without me," she told re-

porters in a cold rain in Maldon.

served in her governments in the 1980s leaving the stage for younger men and women.

Thatcher seemed in fighting trim.

"When we took over in 1979." she said, field," she concluded.

Mrs. Thatcher to stick around.

Front in the country.

The government's announcement followed a statement by the Islamic front that appeared to take responsibility for the assassination Saturday of two army soldiers in Algiers. The fundamentalist party

has been barmed and its leadership has gone underground.

In its communique, the front hinted of more armed resistance to the government's campaign against it, which began immediately after a on Jan. 11 abruptly ended free elections in which the fundamentalists were certain to win cootrol of the National People's Assembly.

The Saturday night killings bring to at least 31 the number of Algerian soldiers or policemen slain in the last 10 weeks in attacks or ambushes by individuals widely be-lieved to belong to the hard-line faction of the Islamic movement. Until last weekend, the funda-

mentalist party had denied any connections with the assaults. At least 70 fundamentalists are known to have been killed in clashes with security forces, and more than 9,000 of the Islamie Salvation Front's supporters are now held in

five special detention camps. Algerian radio said Monday that the government had decided to dis-solve the local assemblies because many had been "seriously disrupted by the behavior of their members in blocking the action of the authorities."

The government did not say what fate awaited other assemblies controlled by the fundamentalists.

was full of strikes. It was known that we were

accepting decline."

She added, "We have turned that country

into one whose standards have been raised in

the eyes of the world, which does not follow

the world, but leads in many of its decisions."

She recited her triumphs, including the Falklands War, but not the war in the Gulf,

which Mr. Major led the country through

after she had been forced to resign. She also

reminded her listeners that her governments

had gotten inflation under control in the

early 1980s, without mentioning that she had lost control of it again in 1989, leading to

restrictive monetary policies that the Labor Party says brought on the current recession.

But the old belief was still there: "Compe-

tition is what keeps prices down, not govern-

ments," she said. British labor unions, and

European federalists, had all been kept at

bay, and what was needed now, she said, was

over," she said, "and it isn't coming back

"It is socialism which is falling, the world

"I'm sure Mr. Major would sweep the

the courage of Thatcherite convictions.

Refugees **Start Tense Return to** Cambodia

By William Branigin Washington Past Service

SISOPHON, Cambodia - Seco by Thailand's senior military officers and welcomed by Cambo-dia's royal house, 527 Cambodian refugees were bused across the Thai border Monday to an uncertain fu-ture in their strife-torn homeland in the first step of a sweeping UNsponsored repatriation program.

The start of the program, which is simed at repatriating as many as 375,000 Cambodians who have been living in Thai camps for up to 13 years, came amid reports of intensified fighting farther east, in the province of Kompong Thom, between Phnom Penh forces and Khmer Rouge guerrillas.

After welcoming the refugees to a reception center near this western Cambodian town, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Cambodia's titular head of state, told reporters that representatives of the country's four warring parties would hold an emergency meeting April 1 in an effort to stop the fighting. The Phnom Penh government's

Banh, said his forces were obliged to "take strong measures" to re-open a section of Highway 12 from Kompong Thom to the northern province of Presh Vihear that he said had been cut by the Khmer Rouge.

the government's response as an "offensive" and would not specify what, if any, military operations were now under way.

The conflict added to the uncertainty facing the returnees, who journeyed with apparent mixed emotions to the dusty reception center in sweltering dry-season

Many said they looked forward to returning home and finding long-lost relatives, but they expressed apprehension about their ability to make a living as farmers and about local reaction to their

"I am happy, but also worried," said Mut Van, a 53-year-old widow who fled Cambodia in 1979. The mother of three disabled children said she did not know if farmland promised to her would come

Thailand, which has long been eager to get the Cambodians off its territory, has been putting pressure on the main sponsors of the repatriation, the office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, to start the program even though some of its requirements are not yet

The United Nations has only just begun to deploy elements of its peacekeeping and administrative contingent, the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia, and mineclearing operations are a long way from completion.

In a speech at Thailand's Site 2 refugee camp near the border with Cambodia, the Thai supreme com-mander, General Suchinda Kraprayoon, told the refugees that it was time to go home. They then boarded buses for the 85-mile (135kilometer) trip to the Sisophon reception center. Later, they are to be trucked to villages in western Cambodia where each family is to receive two hectares (nearly 5 acres) of land, UN food aid for a year and household and agricultural kits to help them build houses and start

The first group of returnees represented a cross-section of the refusee camps and included followers of the country's three guerrilla groups, including the Khmer

Although most of the 375,000 refugees are from rural hackgrounds, a recent UN study said. nearly half are below the age of 15 and thus have no experience in farming.

Although UN officials said the repatriation was strictly voluntary, interviews suggested that this condition did not always apply, espe-cially in camps controlled by the Khiner Rouge.

WORLD BRIEFS

Pretoria and ANC Mark Progress

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) — The South African government and JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) — The South African government and Nelson Mandela's African National Congress moved closer on Monday Nelson Mandela's African National Congress moved closer on Monday to an agreement on a body to write a nonracial constitution.

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to an agreement on a body to write a nonlated constitution.

The government's proposals, put forward at multiparty talks called the Convention for a Democratic South Africa, met a long-standing ANC Convention for a Democratic Society elected on a one-person, one-vote basis draw up a new constitution.

A government spokesman said the only remaining differences with

And proposals involved the protection of minorities, percentages a party ANC proposals involved the protection of all the make-up of the two must cousin to joint the constituent wants one of the houses to be reserved houses. The white-led government wants one of the houses to be reserved

Seoul Replaces Security Director

SEOUL (Reuters) — President Roh Tae Woo replaced his internal intelligence chief and three cabinet members Monday after the ruling party's setback in last week's general election, a presidential spokesman

Mr. Rob named Interior Minister Lee Sahag Yeon, a retired army Mr. Kon named intelligence expert, as the new director of the Agency for National Security Planning. Mr. Lee, 56, replaced Suh Dong Kwon, who lost his job after a scandal in which four agency members were caush illegally campaigning against an opposition candidate.

The ruling Democratic Liberal Party lost its National Assembly majority in the March 24 election. The party had a two-thirds majority among the 299 members of the National Assembly before the election The party won only 149 seats — one less than a majority. It regained its working majority on Thursday by luring an independent legislator into its

Pakistanis Block Kashmir March

CHANERI, Pakistan (AP) - The government erected berricades near the border on Monday, stopping Muslim secessionists from crossing into India to press their case for a united, independent Kashmir.

Small anti-government demonstrations erupted in Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistani-controlled Kashmir. Witnesses said police fired tear gas to disperse protesters and fired over their heads. There were no

Fearing that the march by the Jammu-Kashmir Liberation Front could lead to another war with India, Pakistan banned rallies and erected chest-high barricades along the winding 55-kilometer (35-mile) road through the Himalayas. Police arrested bundreds of Liberation Front activists. On the Indian side of the border, troops were placed on high along the Indian side of the border, troops were placed on high alert.

Albania Democrats Win More Seats

TIRANA, Albania (Reuters) — Albania's triumphant Democratic Party consolidated its landshide election victory, taking all 11 seats at stake in a second round of voting for the parliament, the party's spokesman said Monday.

Seven seats were officially confirmed as Democratic gains by Monday morning. Unofficial results said the remaining four had also fallen to

A Democratic Party spokesman said the Communist Party, now renamed Socialist, had won outright in only seven regions. The Democrats, defeated by the Communists in first elections a year ago, swept to victory on March 22 polls with 62 percent, compared to just 25 percent for their main rivals.

Corrections

A question-and-answer interview with Italy's foreign minister in Mon-day's editions misspelled his name, Gianni De Michelis.

The telephone number of the World Federation of Americans Abroad was listed incorrectly in the American Topics column in Saturday-Sunday editions. It is 33 (for France) I (for Paris) 42-56-10-22.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Israeli tourists in Egypt, Greece, Turkey and Cyprus have been warned defense minister, General Tea by a government terrorism side to avoid gathering in large groups and to be wary of suspicious-looking objects. Similar warnings were issued to Israeli tour organizers following an attack this month on the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires, which killed 28 people and injured 250. (AFP) RATP, the Paris rapid transit authority, will open the extension of Metro line No. I from Pont-de-Neuilly to the La Defense business district west of Paris on April I. The extension of line A of the RER, the regional commuter express railway, to Chessy-Mame-la-Vallée will also open April 1. The Chessy terminal will service the Euro Disneyland theme

park, scheduled to open April 12. (Reuters)
Finnair began scheduled flights Monday from Helsinki to the Latvian
capital of Riga. It will fly to the Baltic republic twice a week on Monday and Friday. The former Soviet airline Aeroflot will make the journey Thursday and Sunday, Finnair said.

Unions at three of Japan's main public railroad companies threatened Monday to conduct a two-day strike, canceling express train services for the first time in 13 years, union and company officials said. (AFP)

The overall number of passengers who used the three New York
metropolitan airports — Kennedy, La Guardia and Newark — fell 8.7
percent, from 74.8 million in 1990 to 68.3 million last year, the Port





North America The Midwest and North-east will be blustery and chilfy through Friday. There will be showers and flurries in some areas, and important snow in eastern Ceneda. Downpours may douse Texas at midweek. Cattornia will likely remain dry.

Europe

A large storm over South Central Europe will bring heavy rain to italy and Yugoslavia later this week. London and Paris will be windy and chilly with scattered showers. Cold air will plunge southward into Scandinavia, accompa-

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BELIING - For the first time capital. since Deng Xiaoping, the senior Chinese leader, launched his campaign for accelerated economic changes, the news media on Monday took his message directly to

National television led the evening news with a detailed, 10-minute account of Mr. Deng's trip in January to the boom-city of Shenzhen in southern China, where he fired the first salvoes in his battle to accelerate capitalist-style change.

The influential Guangming Dai-ly, a bastion of Marxist hard-liners in the Beijing leadership, show-cased a similar story on its front page, with large pictures of Mr. Deng that previously appeared only in the regional press.

"In reform and opening up, we must be hold and dare to experiment," the television broadcast quoted Mr. deng as saying. "Do not be like a woman with bound feet. If your direction is correct, do

The media barrage appears to mark a strategic turning point in Mr. Deng's campaign to outflank

his conservative opponents in the

Opposition to capitalist-style changes has come from top level bureaucrats and Marxist purists whose power and orivileges stem from four decades of state plan-

A television editor said be could not say why the broadcasters waited two mooths to publicize Mr.

"I'm sorry. I can't give you a satisfactory answer." he said. Mr. Deng's message first filtered through in Hong Kong's leftist me-dia in January. It was delivered to senior Communist Party members in a restricted document.

The message has since been On Monday, they heard it in di-trumpeted in newspapers in southern China, the economically thriv- patriarch. ing areas that form Mr. Deng's natural constituency. The national media has become

the center of "leftist" thinking that Mr. Deng has targeted for attack. It is controlled by strict ideo-

logues who tightened their grip after pro-democracy protests were crusbed around Beijing's Tiananmen Square on June 4, 1989.

While Mr. Deng's line has be-

come virtual party orthodoxy, en-dorsed by the Politburo, most Chi-

"Some people believe that the more foreign capital we have, the more capitalist we will be." Mr. Deng reportedly said. "These peo-ple lack basic knowledge."

The report, which originated in the Shenzhen Special Economic Zone newspaper, was also carried by the Ninhua news agency under the headline "Spring Blooms With the Eastern Wind.

The report delivered Mr. Deng's support for more capitalist experinese people bave been receiving the mentation with stock markets and share-ownership plans in industry.

MAIL: Junk Trail Stretches From Illinois to Bombay

message second-band.

(Continued from page 1) land of splendor and opportunity. a place swirling with business op-portunities and millionaires. He inited Mr. Shroff to visit.

During two stavs with his brother between 1989 and 1991. Mr. Shroff found himself dazzled by the ethos of American capitalism. What amazed him most was the mail: the business offers, magazine offers, lottery games, astrology solicitations and franchise advice brought to his door by the letter carrier. Eager to become a millionaire, Mr. Shroff dutifully wrote back to the solicitors. By his count, he sent out and received 3,000 letters while in the United States.

"I just got the idea of how your people live in your country and how they grab the business," be said. "I wanted to be a millionaire. I wanted to associate with the big people, no doubt."

And the replies poured in. "Will Amir Shroff win a share of \$250 million?" a letter from a publishing house began. "Very likely!"
"Now you can add \$50 million fortune to your personal Nest Egg," said another.

"Great news!" reported a selfdescribed property researcher in Florida. "My investigative report indicates that there could be many - MANY SHROFFS -- that are currently owed unclaimed money from government offices nationwide, and YOU, AMIR SHROFF, could be one of them."

Letters seemed to come from every corner of the continent and

beyond: the Winners Club, the American Constitution Coalition Foundatioo, American Family Publishers, Global Lottery Agency, Lucky Lottery Service, the Jupiter Pioneer stamp club, the Trade Leaders' Club, and on and on.

Inspired, Mr. Shroff even wrote

to President George Bush at the White House, telling him what a great job he was doing And the president—or one of his franking United States, an impression he machines - wrote back. "Thank you for your warm and thoughtful message," said the signed letter on White House stationery. "I appreciate your comments and am encouraged and strengthened by your kind words as

I face the many challenges and op-

portunities before our country. I

am grateful for your support." Mr. Shroff stumbled into another corner of America's get-richquick subculture, the lotteries. He played — and won. "To he frank with you, Lady Luck is with me," he said. "I played \$20 and won \$500 instantly. Even sitting in India. I am still playing with the Canadian people. This pays me money the easy way."

Shroff to return to India. He calls. brought with him all of the correspondence and business opportunities be had received through the mail, carefully encased in plastic sheaths and folders. He brought the club membership cards he had been sent and the letters from pubwin millions of dollars soon.

Back in Bombay, he gathered up all of his family members and his voluminous files of correspondence and went to the U.S. Consulate to apply for a visa to go back to Amer-The consulate turned him down. The details are disputed. Mr.

might have created because of the letter from the Florida property researcher. A spokesman at the consulate said that visa officers had not made any allegations that Mr. Shroff violated U.S. law. The spokesman said that Mr. Shroff had applied for a nonimmigrant visa, and that in such cases, "the criterion any visa officer uses is whether this man is likely to return to India" when his

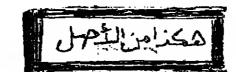
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stay on in the United States miproperly. So for months, Mr. Shroff has been calling, writing, faxing and sending telegrams to Washington daily, looking for help from his former friends. He is disappointed Finally it came time for Mr. that Mr. Bush will not return his

visa expires or whether be might

Senegal Blast Toll Now 62 The Associated Press

DAKAR Senegal - The death toll from an explosion of liquid lishing houses promising be would ammonia has gone up to 62, doctors said Monday.



In '92 Campaign, Brown Contradicts His Earlier Stands

A Contract of the Contract of By Jeffrey Schmalz
New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — Listen to A Se spices in the second Brown Jr. over the years: Limits on campaign contributions are "a violation of free speech." National health insurance is out of the question, an invitation to "runaway inflation." Economic growth cannot he maintained forever, Americans must accept "an era of limits."

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If those positions sound the op-posite of what the former California governor is pitching on the campaign trail these days, it is because they are.

The Jerry Brown running for president in 1992 is at odds on crucial issues and campaign themes with the Jerry Brown who ran for president in 1976, the Jerry Brown who tried again in 1980 and even the Jerry Brown of just a year ago. "You grow. You learn from mis-

takes. Positions evolve," the candidate explained in an interview, pointing out that the country had changed greatly since he first ran for president at the age of 37.

The second secon Many political figures shift their stands over the years, sometimes out of expediency, sometimes out of a genuine change in circumstances and convictions, sometimes because the responsibilities of governing overtake the promises of

campaigning.
But even Mr. Brown's supporters acknowledge that his shifts have come more often and been more fundamental than those of most other politicians.

Mr. Brown has become a champion of limiting campaign contri-butions to \$100; it has been a hallmark of his campaign, as he says that to take more money is to be corrupted.

But in years before, he energetically sought much larger contributions, both for the Democratic Party in California, of which he was chairman, and for his own political

In Michigan this month, Mr. Brown placed second in the Democratic primary largely because of his opposition to free trade with Mexico, which car workers say will

cost them jobs. But as a Senate candidate in California in 1982, with the state's economy tight and Mexican immigrants pouring in, he called for close economic ties with Mexico and forming "a North American

Common Market." Mr. Brown now favors limits on the length of terms of elected officials, but in 1990 he opposed them.

dential campaign, but in the 1980 campaign, at a meeting of gun owners; he dismissed controls as the the voices of Edmund G. (Jerry) start of government restrictions on private lives. In 1979, Mr. Brown rejected na-

tional health care as too expensive, but this month, with health care one of the big issues in the cam-paign, he embraced the idea. "You have to remember that Jer-

ry Brown is a work in progress," said Bill Carrick, a Democratic poll taker in California.

"He's a very shrewd politician, very shrewd. I wouldn't dismiss political motives for his changes in position. On the other hand, don't forget he started very young. He's constantly re-evaluating who he is, what he thinks about the issues. To some that's positive; to some it's

In addition to the shifts on individual issues has come a fundamental shift in the main themes of Mr. Brown's campaigns.

In 1976, he bore a message of austerity, telling Americans to buckle down and realize that rampant growth and consumption were

"We are entering an era of limits," he said then. "And we all need to get used to it."

By 1980, having lost with that

message, Mr. Brown's campaign theme had changed to "protect the earth, serve the people and explore the universe."

After he wound up without any primary victories that year, Mr. Brown announced he was going to rethink his message,

What emerged is this year's campaign: an appeal to public anger at government and an attack on "a ruling elite of insiders who serve only themselves.

The balanced-budget amendment that he advocated in 1980 has been replaced as the campaign's main economic theme by the flatrate income tax.

Exploration of the universe has turned into proposals to build highspeed trains.

"Jerry has no political or ideo-logical anchor," said Mickey Kantor, who is running the Clinton campaign this year and ran Mr. Brown's previous campaigns for president and senator.

"I'm saddened, frankly, by his kind of politics. I think he once had something to offer. Now he's a groping politician looking for the next thing he can exploit."

Mr. Brown sees it differently. "You experiment," he said in the interview.

This year he supports gun con-trols, as he did in the 1976 presi-keep repeating." "You have to learn. You can't



Mr. Brown signing an autograph in Montpellier, Vermont, ahead of the state's caucuses Tuesday.

Brown Used Insider Connections

WASHINGTON - Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown Jr., a Democratic presidential candidate, acknowledges that he has used the kind of insider influence he criticized in others to help a California pharmacertical company with which he was connected in its battle with federal AIDS drug regulators.

But after saying Sunday that he had used his "connections" to reach an influential congressman on behalf of the man who had hired him as a \$20,000-a-year corporate director, Mr. Brown said that he oow wants to expose and stop exactly that

The former California governor was questiooed on television about a report that he had called

Representative Henry A. Waxman, Democrat of California, seeking help for ICN Pharmaceuticals Inc. in its dispute with the Food and Drug Administration over the licensing of the drug ribavirin.

At the time that Mr. Brown made the call in 1988, and for three years thereafter, he was a director of an ICN subsidiary, ICN Biomedicals

Both companies are run by Milan Panic, who is described by Mr. Brown as a political "supporter for 20 years" and is listed in Federal Election Commission records as the largest contributor to Mr. Brown's political action committee, the USA

Will Clinton's Openness Hurt?

Past Marijuana Use Is Not Always Fatal to a Candidacy

By Thomas B. Edsall

Waxhington Post Service NEW YORK - Bill Clinton's acknowledgement that he had tried have emerged as a ritual of publicmarijuana "a time or two" at Ox- office seekers since a Supreme ford was similar to statements by Court nominee, Douglas H. Gins-Supreme Court Justice Clarence burg, withdrew his name in 1987 Thomas, Senator Al Gore of Ten-nessee and former Governor Bruce of marijuana in the 1960s and Babbitt of Arizona.

1970s. Judge Ginsburg, a federal

But until Sunday, Mr. Clinton appeals court judge nominated by essentially had evaded the question President Ronald Reagan, said he by telling interviewers on several had last smoked the drug seven occasions that he never violated U.S. or Arkansas drug laws.

His initial response to such questions by the Arkansas news media

was, "It's cone of your business." But as the campaign has unfolded, so have his answers. When he was asked Wednesday by the New Both men eventually withdrew York Daily News editorial board if he had ever engaged in drug use, Mr. Clinton replied, according to The Associated Press, "I have never broken the laws of my country."

Asked if he had ever attended a party where drugs were used, he reportedly said, Not in 20 years Since I've been in college."
On Sunday, Mr. Clinton was

asked if he had ever broken any state or international law. He replied: "T've never broken any state laws, and when I was in England, I experimented with marijuana a time or two. And I didn't like it, and I didn't inhale and I didn't try Mr. Clinton was a Rhodes schol-

ar at Oxford in 1968-1969. Asked the same question about marijuana use, Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown replied: "No. I agree with Clinton. Why don't you lay off this

Witness Assailed By Gotti's Lawyer

United Press International NEW YORK - The defense attorney for the reputed Mafia boss John Gotti renewed his attack on the government's star witness Monday, describing him as a "seri-al killer" out to save his own skin.

The lawyer, Albert Krieger, de-nounced the testimony of Mr. Got-ti's former right-hand man, Salvatore Grayano, who spent days on the witness stand describing mob murders and betrayals. He reminded the jury that Mr. Gravano had coofessed to 19 murders.

"We're talking about the overriding viciousness of Salvatore Gravano," Mr. Krieger told the jurors. "He doesn't appear to have fangs. He doesn't drool. He doesn't look like a repetitive serial killer. He looks like one of us. Take that man's word," he added, whirling around and pointing to Mr. Gotti, "and send that man to jail."

He added, "What you did 20 disqualified from high office beyears ago is not relevant."

Nor did past marijuana experi-ence hurt Justice Thomas. Four

cause of such youthful experimentation. And Justice Thomas went Questions about past drug use on to be confirmed. The question of marijuana use came up Sunday in a televised debate between Mr. Clinton and Mr. Brown, who are seeking the Demo-cratic presidential nomination. It, shifted the focus from other issues

that revealed the strikingly different visions of the two candidates. Mr. Brown stressed the Demoyears before the commation and cratic traditioo of government oblicalled it a "mistake." gation to the poor, saying that the battle against "income inequality and racism" must become "a na-Following that incident, two Democratic candidates in the 1988

tional imperative. presidential primaries - Mr. Gore and Mr. Babbitt - acknowledged Mr. Clinton pressed the case for a new liberalism that places ohliga-tions on the beneficiaries of govuse of marijuana in their youth. from the race, but not because of ernment programs. questions over marijuana use.

Asked about a growing urban underclass of people, some of whom are "unwilling, unskilled and socially unprepared" for fullyears after Judge Ginsburg's fall, he told the Bush administration last summer that he had tried the drug as a college student and later time work, Mr. Brown focused oo the failure of government while Mr. Clinton stressed the responsibilities of beneficiaries of government proconsidered it a mistake. The White House said that no one should be grams to improve themselves.



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Libya: Let's See the Facts

There is bitter comedy in the spectacle of Libya's Moammar Gadhafi piously claiming the protection of world law to stave off United Nations sanctions. This is the renegade who has armed terrorist groups, whose gunmen have shot up embassies and slain opponents in exile.

Even so, valid doubts remain about indicting Libya alone as the culprit in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988. The Bush administration has yet to explain its abrupt retreat from initial claims that the Lockerbic bombing was the vengeful work of Ahmed

Jebril, a Palestinian under Syrian control. Cynics suggest that the administration finds it convenient to downplay Syria's dreadful terrorist record now that Damascus has joined Middle East peace negotiations. And pinning all the blame on Colonel Gadhafi may be expedient for an administration eager to humble Libya in an election year.

Libya was quite likely involved. Meticulous British and American police work has established a chain of evidence linking the Lockerbie outrage to explosives allegedly planted by two Libyans. So the Security Council has demanded their surrender for trial in either Britain or the United States.

Colonel Gadhafi first offered to try the suspects in Libya. Then his diplomats said Libya would turn them over to the Arab League. Now the slippery colonel pleads for delay until the World Court has ruled on Libya's claims that its promise to try the suspects complies with aviation treaties.

His squirming reflects fear of UN sanctions that would cut Libya's aviation links. Sanctions have grown real teeth in recent years, and if ever there was a deserving target it is Libya. But advocates of sanctions need to make a plausible case for denying Libya's request for a World Court ruling before the Security Council acts. Doubts and suspicions are apt to linger until Washington finally divulges everything it knows about Lockerbie.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Nuclear Ups and Downs

Rocky Flats, the nuclear weapons plant near Denver, never was a tidy operation. Now Rockwell International Corp., which ran it for the federal government until 1989, has pleaded guilty to violating the environmental laws and agreed to pay \$18.5 million in fines. Weapons production at the plant ended three years ago, probably perma-nently. This case nicely illustrates the way things are going in the present phase of the

nuclear age — not at all badly, but oddly. In the 1980s the Reagan administration's Defense and Energy departments pressed the weapons plants hard to maintain a high rate of production for the arms buildup against the Soviets. That raised certain dangers, since most of the plants had been built decades earlier and much of the equipment was worn and obsolete. Like other contractors running these factories for the government, Rockwell raised questions about the improvements that they increasingly required. But the answer was generally that the defense budget had no money for plant improvements and that the weapons were needed fast. All of that went on behind a veil of deepest secrecy until the late 1980s, when the Environmental Protection Agency began to assert that its regulations applied to the plants.

Caught between conflicting policies and

agencies of the same government, Rockwell in desperation finally sued to force a deci-sion on which it was to obey. But the suit was dropped because, at about the same time, Rockwell decided to get out of Rocky Flats altogether. The violations to which it has now pleaded guilty involve the storage and disposal of hazardous wastes. As part of the settlement, the government is to declare that there was no substantial danger to the bealth of the plant's neighbors.

No nuclear weapons have been produced in the United States for three years, not because of an international arms control treaty or a deliberate change in American strategy but because of the unforeseen ap-plication of the environmental laws. No doubt a way would have been found around the laws if the country had been facing a severe military challenge. But there is equally little doubt that, in the absence of environmental enforcement, these plants would still be changing along routinely building more weapons for an armory that is already large. It was very good luck, but nothing more than luck, that the Soviet threat began to fade at just about the same time that the courts began to impose the federal waste and water standards on the federal govern-

ment's own weapons factories. -THE WASHINGTON POST.

Jerry Brown, Peronist

It is June 1973, the year before Jerry Brown was first elected governor of California. Argentina's repackaged populist legend, Juan Perón, returns to Buenos Aires in triumph. As his plane approaches, more than a million impassioned supporters line the ex-pressway. They constitute an impossibly broad coalition: countercultural revolutionaries, blue-collar workers, Catholic mystics, hard-core fascists. Just how impossibly broad seems clear minutes later when gunfire erupts and Peronists, united only by their hero's stirring oratory, start shooting Peronists. Even so, the coalition endures; a few months later, Juan Perón is elected president. America is not Argentina. And Jerry

Brown remains a long shot for the Demouon, iei aione ior Still, there is an instructive parallel. Playing fast and loose with powerful political emotions, be offers himself, like Perón, as the leader of an impossibly broad coalition. Recklessly, he courts different constitu-

encies with different, even contradictory positions. Which would guide him as president? If his candidacy is for real, there has to come a moment of truth.

He has come this far largely on the strength of what urban teenagers call attitude — a stance that only angry outsiders can be trusted not to sell out. He reaches out like a snarling Oliver Stone hero or rap star to audiences turned off by conventional politics. He does democracy a huge favor when he exhorts alienated voters to re-enter politics. But so far he has offered his followers only the rush of protest. He is quick with scattershot debating points. Translating them into policies could leave even his most

enthusiastic supporters feeling betrayed. Having spent eight years as a competent governor of the largest state, he knows government inside out. He is too smart for his inconsistencies to arise from ignorance. They smack, rather, of a renegade's bid to

tap the politics of anger.

Jerry Brown, of the pilgrimages to Calcutta, Africa and Japan, is a convinced internationalist. As a Californian he understands the growing integration of the U.S. and Mexican economies. As governor he favored the trend. Just last month he impatiently reminded a debate questioner that aiding Russia creates jobs and markets for Americans. But this month in Michigan he played to autoworkers' fears, indicting free trade for letting good jobs slip south of the border. Now, back in trade-dependent New York, he does a double reverse, degying protectionist and recalling that his home state's economy also depends on trade.

Consider abortion. Jerry Brown, graying alumnus of the California 1960s, believes in full reproductive rights for women. But he also agrees with Mother Teresa that abortion is "the killing of the unborn."

Consider the Middle East. Last week he told Ted Koppel on ABC that as president he would do all in his power to stop Israeli settlements in the West Bank. But, he added, he would not withhold U.S. loan guarantees over the issue. All in his power?

Jerry Brown is fast on his feet. He argues that his diverse positions can be reconciled. Maybe so, metaphysically. Rather than programmatic consistency, be offers attitudinal consistency: a sharp-edged anger that resonates among a variety of Americans. If he wants the rest of America to pay attention, he will need to start translating attitude into plausible proposals.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

Burma and Its Neighbors

Burma's military government appears determined to secure pride of place among the pariah governments of the world, such as those of Iraq and Libya. Not content with killing thousands of its own protesting people in the streets of Rangoon in 1988 and refusing obstinately and shamelessly to hand over power to the National League for Democracy that won a landslide victory in elections in May 1990, the regime has decided to persecute one of its minority groups. In the past year close to 210,000 Rohingyas, a Muslim minority in Burma's western province of Arakan, have been forced to flee their country to escape killing and looting by Rangoon's troops. Outside of a perverse pleasure in pogroms, the reason appears to be an attempt to pander to the large Buddhist population by giving

them the Rohingya land. Although individual states of the Asso-

ciation of Southeast Asian Nations have expressed concern over the expulsion of the Rohingyas, ASEAN itself has not taken a stand. This could be because it does not want to set a precedent by identifying itself with a religious group in a region where there are numerous religious minorities. The problem for ASEAN is whether its own international credibility would be affected by remaining silent.

Silence may be misunderstood by the international community as acquiescence in the ongoing repression in Burma. It is this threat to the collective reputation of ASEAN that should prompt it to reappraise the situation. Constructive engagement surely does not mean total disengagement from principles. Instead, constructive engagement must allow ASEAN to use its influence on the Burmese regime to check further departures from internationally accepted codes of behavior.

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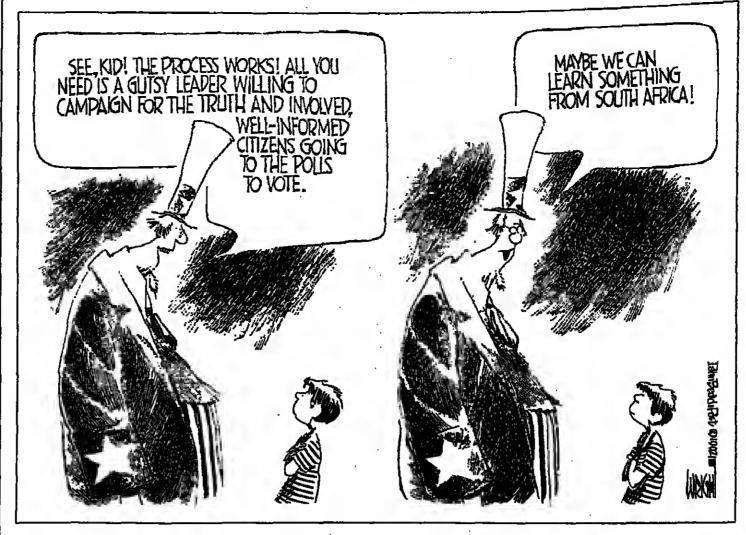
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OPINION



Kohl Decided and the Decision Was Unfortunate

T OKYO — Few political leaders have contributed as much to international stability over the past decade as Helmut Kohl. That makes two recent serious errors in judgment by the German chancellor all the more puzzling and distressing for

Germany's friends abroad. The most damaging error was Mr. Kohl's verbal assault on Jews who criticized him for offering tea and sympathy to Kurt Waldheim. Mr. Waldh is in the final months of a presidency awarded him by Austrian voters willing to overlook his youthful indiscretions while serving with the Nazi army in the Balkans. Mr. Kohl seems to have joined the Austrian electorate in concluding that nobody is perfect, except perhaps himself.

Whom I meet here in Munich, I as chancellor will decide," Mr. Kohl blustered on national televi-sion after receiving Mr. Waldheim in the Bavarian capital on Friday. "I do not need any arrive on that." He either misses or evades the point.

No one challenges the German chancellor's right to choose his guests. What has been challenged is the wisdom and sensitivity of his choice. Like it or not, he is accountable to the German nation and to the world community when it comes

to actions that revive memories of the Nazi era.

The World Jewish Congress was justified in slamming Mr. Kohl's decision to receive Mr. Waldheim, who has been shunned by Western leaders since his election in 1986.

Mr. Kohl compounded his misjudgment by launching a misguided attack on the congress for allegedly opposing German unification. The organization has consistently denied that position. Even if it were true, the congress would have been in the good company of the French and British governments, among others. By Jim Hoagland

The chancellor plays with fire. He uses unification, Germany's most emotional national issue, as a shield against criticism of his actions by Jews. He cannot be unaware of both the symbolism and the real dangers that his words encourage. His not very veiled message is that some foreigners have no right to pass judgment on German actions. This from a leader who in Washington last

month openly intervened in the American political process with an unnecessarily warm endorsement for his host, President George Bush, Mr. Kohl's words at a White House news conference with Mr. Bush went beyond what was required, or prodent, for a visiting foreign leader.

That cloying intervention was Mr. Kohl's other pureling area in judgment it may have both intended as consolation to Mr. Bush for the German leader's failure to bring with him European concessions that would break the deadlock in the Uruguay Round multinational trade talks.

Chancellor Kohl sought agreement from President Bush to make a deal now or to postpone the GATT talks — anything in short, to get the trade dispute off the agenda of the July summit of the Group of Seven industrial democracies, which Mr. Kohl will host in Munich.

Disappointed that Mr. Kohl had not laid down the law to the French and to his own German farmers on the key issue of slashing agricultural subsidies, Mr. Busb would not agree to a formal postponement now. The opaque statements the American president and his guest attered at their joint press conference only hinted at their impasse. The impression has spread on Embassy Row in

Washington that the last bope for a GATT breakthough this year evaporated with Mr. Kohl's failure to bridge the trade gap in Washington. Negotiations are likely to limp along with no real commitment for a conclusion before the American elections in November.

The GATT dispute involves difficult issues that Mr. Kohl alone cannot be fairly expected to resolve. To blame him or any other single leader for this problem, or to portray the GATT dead-lock as a sign of "new assertiveness" by Germany, is unfair. My argument with Mr. Kohl's recent actions does not lie there. Unification meant the end of limited sovereign-

ty for Germany. Germany's decisions and actions on trade talks, or in recognizing breakaway Yugoslav republics, have to be judged by their content and effect, not by the fact that it is the many that is seen. Mosting Mr Weldier and then bullying Jews who question the meeting are acts that fall

into a totally different category.

In the long quest during the Cold War for security, unification and the stability that Germans hold dear, German officials repeatedly pleaded not to be "singularized" — not to be isolated within the Atlantic Alliance and required to carry special burdens. It was a fair request that was honored by Germany's allies, beginning with America.

Mr. Kohl has singularized Germany with one ill-

considered meeting, a meeting that no other Western political leader would host. He has offered support and rehabilitation to a man who has come to symbolize a completency about anti-Semitism and a willful amnesia about the horrors of the Nazi era. There are words to describe such behavior by Mr. Kohl. "Assertive" is not one of them.

The Washington Post.

To Work, Help for the Ex-Soviets Has to Be Smart

By Leslie H. Gelb

NI EW YORK - As the Ameriment stampedes toward a megabil-lion-dollar comprehensive "aid" program for the ex-Soviet Union,

consider the following facts: • These states have 44 nuclear power plants, including 15 of the Chernobyl style, many of which are in terrible shape and could spring radioactive leaks. One near St. Pe-

tersburg leaked two weeks ago. Ukraine and Kazakhstan now threaten to take control of intercontinental-range missiles on their territory. If they do they would instantly become the third- and fourth-largest nuclear powers after the United

States and Russia. The debt of Russia is running at 25 percent of its total government expenditures for the first quarter of this year. There is massive underpayment of taxes by business enterprises and local governments.

military dictators but otherwise

known as Burma has turned into a

killing field. Since early this year

the army has terrorized ethnic mi-

norities — burning villages, tortur-ing and forcing thousands to be-

come military porters and to move

into labor camps. Almost 200,000 refugees have fled to Bangladesh.

The United Nations is sending Undersecretary-General Jan Elias-

son to Bangladesh to investigate human rights abuses among the ref-ugees. And Norway has pressed the

Security Council to impose an in-

posed a ban on arms sales and op-

posed any international aid for

U.S.-Burmese trade, although rel-atively small, has doubled since 1988. In 1990, Congress authorized

the president to impose trade and

investment sanctions. The Senate

Foreign Relations Committee has

unanimously asked the administra-tion to seek a UN arms embargo.

President George Bush has re-fused to do any of this. The deputy

assistant secretary of state for East

Asian affairs, Kenneth Quinn, has

testified before Congress that the administration's policy in East Asia

is to oppose economic sanctions. Burma, apparently, is no exception.

Burma, it could do much more.

While the United States has im-

Foreign trade helps

sustain the regime.

ternational arms embargo.

Wages have dropped so low relative to freed prices that some 90

percent of Russians now live below subsistence levels. Subsistence is about 1,500 rubles monthly, while per capita income now totals about 900 rubles monthly or \$8.25. Life will get much worse if, as expected, pro-duction in key sectors falls an additional 50 percent this year.

 The ex-Soviet states are now meeting only 30 percent of their in-terest payments (and almost no principal) on debts to the West of \$70 billion. Most of this is owed to or guaranteed by Western governments.

· Various forms of Western aid to the ex-Soviet states totaled about \$50 billion in the last 20 months, and the money bas virtually disap-peared without a trace or a dent on the economic picture. Tens of billions in hard currency controlled by Communist Party officials also vanished in the last two years.

These sad facts, plus civil and ethnic wars and the lack of cooperation

Ostracize the Dictatorship in Burma

Other countries have been even

more helpful to the regime. Foreign

trade and investment help sustain

the military's bold on power.

In 1988, after the regime massacred thousands of pro-democracy demonstrators, Burma's \$500 mil-

bon a year in international foreign

aid was suspended and the regime was nearly bankrupt. With no cash

to buy weapons, the army was bierally running out of bullets.
Strapped for hard currency, the

regime, which had restricted foreign

trade and investment in order to

isolate the country, reversed course and solicited foreign business. Ac-cording to the Burma Action Group, a British human rights organization, the military "began to sell Burma's reputational resources like feet food."

natural resources like fast food."

Thai businesses, with the help of

the Thai army's commander. Gen-

eral Chaovalit Yongchaiyut, bought

the rights to clear-cut Burma's teak

forests. Logging concessions, which have also been sold to companies

from Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore

Ten international companies (including Amoco, Unocal, Idemissu and Royal Dutch Shell) are investing \$320 million in oil exploration. Aus-

trian, Japanese, Singaporean, South Korean and Thai corporations are

running department stores, renoval-

ing hotels, mining precious gerns and building gas pipelines. Pepsi-Cola has opened a bottling plant. With the stampede of foreign

and Taiwan, now generate an esti-

mated \$112 million annually.

WASHINGTON — The country called Myanmar by its By Stephen B. Cohen

among the ex-Soviet republics, suggest that the new states are nearing mili-tary, economic and political anarchy. Such considerations should cause U.S. political leaders to think again, and hard, about rescue plans. The danger is that America will waste billions and, even more tragically, fail to

zero in on what can be realistically accomplished by outside aid.

My particular concern is Richard Nixon's recent proposal for a com-prehensive aid plan. He argued that anything less would ignite a "Who lost Russia?" debate. He accused George Bush of playing "a pennyante game" where the stakes were geopolitical survival. He called for tens of billions of dollars to stabilize the ruble and more tens of billions in other help. He made more modest

and practical proposals as well, but the practical ideas have been lost in the political scramble be triggered. President Bush, stung by the Nix-

business, foreign currency reserves jumped from less than \$12 million in 1988 to \$900 million in 1991. Burma uses this hard currency to

expand and modernize its army

In 1988 the armed forces totaled

rather than to benefit the people.

perhaps 190,000. By late 1991 they reached almost 300,000. Military

expenditures amount to 60 percent

of the government's budget.

China, by far Burma's largest arms supplier, sold the army more than \$1 billion worth of aircraft,

armored vehicles and small arms in

1990; it also trains Burmese pilots.

Other suppliers of military equip-ment since 1988 include Japan, Paki-

stan, Poland, Singapore, Thailand and Yugoslavia. Japan has exported more than 15,000 Isuzu, Nissan and Toyota trucks, which are being used

by the Burmese military —an action publicly criticized by European Community officials, Japan has also resumed development aid, worth

Since foreign economic ties fi-

nance Burmese repression, it is

hard to imagine a stronger case for

worldwide sanctions on trade and

investment to promote buman

rights. Rather than opposing such sanctions, the Bush administration

should lead a United Nations ef-

fort to impose them on Burma's ruthless military tegime.

The writer, professor of law at Georgetown University, was deputy

assistant secretary of state for hu-man rights in the Carter adminis-

tration. He contributed this com-

ment to The New York Times.

5134 million in 1991.

some stability returns. Any cash given now would simply vanish down a vast sinkhole For now, Western governments should not throw away their aid on saving governments that can only save themselves. Instead they should focus on specific, pressing and solv-able problems and on seeding the

would otherwise have done. Bill Clinton, the leading Democratic presi-

dential contender, could try to outbid

him in a major world affairs address

on Wednesday. Congressional lead-

ers and foreign policy gurus are jumping on the now fashionable big-

bucks, big-plan bandwagon.

The West should be working on

plans for big aid programs — cur-rency stabilization, import and ex-port credits and the like. But these

plans have to be for later, when and

if the threat of anarchy subsides and

future of democracy.

First priority must go to the nukes. This means immediate help to repair or sbut down unsafe nuclear reactors. It means talking very tough with Ukraine and others about their nuclear weapons aspirations, and put-ting experts on the ground now to

help them dismantle weapons. The second priority should be agriculture and food aid. Without bread, the return of dictatorships will be inevitable.

The third priority has to be sending experts and technical aid directly to groups committed to running businesses and making democracy work. The stakes could not be higher. All the more reason for substantial, precision and interesting an practical and immediate aid - not for grand illusions.

The New York Times.

Principles: Hayek and Douglas By David S. Broder WASHINGTON - Friedrich von Hayek, the economist whose ideas shaped the thinking of a generation of conservatives, died last Monday aged 92. On Thursday a Washington dinner commemorated

the 100th birthday of the late Senator Paul H. Douglas of Illinois, an economist who became a role model to a generation of liberal politicians. The two men seemingly were opposites, but they shared a stiff-necked stubbornness of conviction. Ostracized for much of their careers, they achieved an influence far more endur-

ing than did those who snubbed them Their paths crossed briefly in 1948 at the University of Chicago. Mr. Douglas was on his way out of the economics department into the first of his three terms as a senator at just about the time that the Austrian-born Mr. Hayek arrived from Lonborn Mr. Hayek arrived from London to take up a scholarly post at the university's Committee on Social Thought — because the economics department would not have him.

Four years earlier, Mr. Hayek had published "The Road to Serfdom," a leak the extraord committees! "The Road to Serfdom," a

published The Road to Seridon, a book that outraged conventional wisdom by arguing that central economic planning inevitably led to despotic government. He saw the malevolent fruits of the disease both in Nazi Germanning and in Communict Russia He many and in Communist Russia. He thought he detected the seeds of the same disease in the growing intellectual appeal of socialism in Britain.

He understood, he said in the preference of the seeds of the said in the preference of the said in the

ace, that his argument "is certain to offend many people with whom I wish to live on friendly terms." He added: "It is certain to prejudice the reception of the results of the more strictly academic work to which all my inclinations lead me ... In spite of this, I have come to regard the writing of this book as a duty which I must not evade."

The book was viewed as beresy in Britain, where socialists were about to come to power, and Mr. Hayek was exiled to Chicago, where he was still something of an iconoclast.

Meantime, Mr. Douglas came to the
Seaste and immediately made it clear

he would not compromise on principle

to gain popularity and power.
The Senate of the 1950s was dominated by Southern Bourbons, who used its arcane procedures to foil every effort to end legal segregation of the races and reduce the tax loopholes that benefited the oil, gas, timber and agriculture barons of their states. Mr. Douglas began battling against the lenient filibuster rules and the stacked Senate committee system that protected the privileged positions of the white and the wealthy. He

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lost again and again but never quit.
This was a Quaker who enlisted as
a Manue Corps private at age 50,
insisted on combat duty, and when
his arm was destroyed on Okinawa
reached up with his uninjured hand to remove his major's insignia so the medics would treat him no better than anyone else.

This was a man so punctilious about on charges, is now under the gun to honesty, his former colleague William reject all the perks of office, but when his secretary would inform him of a phone call from a lobbyist Mr. Douglas was trying to chick, he would step into the conidor before allowing the secretary to say, "Senator Douglas is out of the office."

The Senate powers denied Mr. Douglas chairmanships and leader-ship positions. But he fought them cvery day, and in time saw the measures he had championed — civil rights bills particularly — become law.

As for Mr. Hayek, his vindication came more slowly. It was in 1979, 35 years after publication of "The Road to Serfdom," that a disciple, Margaret Thatcher, became mine serious of Thatcher, became prime minister of Britain; two years after that, Ronald Reagan brought Mr. Hayek's ideas to Washington. Jack Kemp and other younger Republicans learned from reading Mr. Hayek to think of themselves a "electic liberty". selves as "classic liberals" who believe that economic freedom empowers people, not as "conservatives" seeking to protect the status quo. Another of Mr. Hayek's books,
"The Constitution of Liberty," is

"the book that set me off on my journey," Mr. Kemp said. Edwin Feulner, president of the Heritage Foundation, said: "The whole frame-work of what we believe in — it all started with Hayek." But the final proof of Mr. Hayek's

theories came in the last years of his life, when the East European countries and finally the Soviet Union threw off their Communist shackles.

Mr. Douglas and Mr. Hayek had very different principles, but they had principles — and the conrage to stick to them.

The Washington Post.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: Too Close to Salute ALGIERS - M. Cambon, Governor

of Algeria, paid a visit on Tuesday [March 21] to the Grand Duke of Mecklenberg, on board his yacht Foros. The English third-class cruiser. Conquest, on entering the port two days ago, neglected to sainte ci-ther the French flag or the Russian yacht Foros, Captain Henderson, in command of the Conquest, on being asked to explain replied that his omission to salute was due to the fear that the firing of his big guns might have caused damage to the Foros and the torpedo-boat Coulverine, moored alongside the British vessel.

1917: Help From Britain

LONDON - The United States will have the benefit of the experiences of Great Britain and her allies in military preparations during the early stages of the war, such as the raising of armies, their transportation to the battle lines, the checkmating of Prus-

sian plots of every kind and the stamping out of the one-time gigantic German spy system. Records, statis-tics and detailed reports have been forwarded to Washington. The information will be of utmost importance to the United States in shaping its work on the serious problem ahead.

1942: Anti-War Actor HOLLYWOOD - [From our New

York edition: Lew Ayres, star of "All Quiet on the Western Front," one of the most powerful anti-war films Hollywood ever made, left tonight [March 30] for a conscientious objectors' camp in Oregon. War, he told his selective service board, was as abhorrent to him in real life as it was upon the screen nearly fifteen years ago. Mr. Ayres was the first motion-picture star to refuse to fight on the basis of his religious convictions. Fellow motion-picture stars professed amazement at his decision. Some said they believed that he had ruined his future as a film actor.

OPINION

S TANFORD, California — Once I said in print that the remaining

Western wilderness is the geography of hope, and I have written, believ-

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Under Deng, a Silent Upheaval

WASHINGTON — "The word is racing gleefully through Beijing intellectual circles," reported The New York Times's Nicholas Kristof early this year, "that an impeccably reliable American political forecaster, renowned for his clairvoyance, has declared that there will be immense changes in China in 1992."

This mysterious Nostradamus (a prophet without honor in his own country) has already been proven partly right.

Chinese Communist hard-liners led by the ideologue Chen Yun, 86, saw Soviet disintegration as proof that reform was heresy, and that decentralization was "economic warlordism." They viewed the Tiananmen crackdown as sensible precaution, and succeed at "peaceful evolution" as

a sellout to capitalism.

That brought the old antiMaoist economic reformer,
Deng Xiaoping, 87, rolling,out of
bed for his last hurrah. "Some comrades inside the party re-main muddleheaded;" he charged. "Had it not been for our reform over the past 10 years, our situation could have been worse than the U.S.S.R.'s."

China-watchers tell of the cultural struggle between the rigid north and the freewheeling. south; between the inward-look-ing Yellow River mindset of the interior and the "blue water" mindset of the ports of Shanghai and Guangzhon, formerly Canton. Mao and Chen Yun were Yellow River, Zhou Enlai and Deng Xiaoping were blue-water. By William Safire

Although Mr. Deng maintains that "we cannot do without dictatorship," he sees the need for the sort of capitalism now burgeoning in the blue water provinces. To dramatize his case, the old man went on a final campaign tour of China's southern models of free-ish enterprise.

With control of the party to be decided this fall at the 14th Congress, the battle was joined.
"Whoever is opposed to reform," Mr. Deng told the Chen faction. "must leave office." That was a warning to Prime Minister Li Peng, disliked by reformers and hated by intellectuals, who tries to straddle the fence between hard-line leftists and capitalist-roaders.

Editors put in power by the crackdown crew after the Tiananmen massacre blacked out Mr. Deng's tour. We are only now getting accounts of Mr. Deng's divisive speeches (a good argument for starting Radio Free Asia). But his strange message is getting through: Communism can succeed only through an infusion of capitalism.

For the paramount Comminist leader to call for theoretical "revision" is a very big thing. Revisionism is counterrevolutionary, a sin ascribed by diehards to Mikhail Gorbachev.

Mr. Deng is not talking about political freedom. He thinks the only way to hold together the 50 ethnic groups that make up Chi-

Tibet, is to buy stability through prosperity. China, he believes, is more easily ruled if the people

have full bellies than free minds. I think be is wrong about that: Political and economic freedom are ultimately one and insepara-ble. But friends of mine in China who were distressed by the 1989 crackdown are encouraged by Mr. Deng's 1992 counterattack. They say that the Soviet mistake was in putting glasnost before perestroika. They prefer a more orderly upheaval, believing that if

President George Bush accepts Mr. Deng's half a loaf, and refuses to apply economic pressure to win human rights gains.

Washington should be publication Mr. Deng's compaign cizing Mr. Deng's campaign, reaching out to his disciple, Zhu

China puts capitalism to work,

political freedom will follow.

Rongii, while freezing out Mr. Chun's followers. While hailing most of Mr Deng's "four modernizations," the United States should remind Beijing of what the dissenter Wei Jingsheng, still in jail after 13 years, called the fifth modernization - democracy. Hunger has different forms; freedom to think can be as nourishing as

freedom to eat.

Will my off-the-wall soothsaying of "China convulses, goes democratic" come true? The timing may be optimistic, but rub the crystal ball: See how the suppressed story of Mr. Deng's tour has brought creative instability to this Year of the Monkey.

America's West: After the Mirages, Hopeful Realism By Wallace Stegner

still drives the rush to the Sun Belt. Denver, Phoenix, Tucson, every ar-But uninformed, unrealistic, ing what I wrote, that the West at greedy expectation has been a prelarge is hope's native home, the scription for disappointment that youngest and freshest of America's the West has carried to the corner drugstore too many times.

regions, magnificently endowed and Ghost towns and dust bowls. like with the chance to become something unprecedented and unmotels, are Western inventions. All are reflections of transience, and I was shaped by the West and transience in most of the West has have lived most of a long life in it, hampered the development of sta-

MEANWHILE

Whenever I return to the Rocky ble, rooted communities and abort-Mountain states, where I am most at ed the kind of communal effort home, or escape into the California that takes in everything from kin-

backlands from the suburbia where dergartens to graveyards.

I live, the smell of distance excites The deficiency of community is me, the largeness and the clarity apparent in the cities as in the small take the scales from my eyes and I towns. Western cities are likely to respond as unthinkingly as a salmon have an artificial look, and why that swims past a river mouth and not, since so many of them are tastes the waters of its birth. But when I am thinking instead ment maintained by increasingly of throbbing, I remember what his-tory and experience have taught me laborate engineering.

In "Californians," James Hous-

tory and experience have taught me In "Californians," James Housabout the West. Too often the ton asks what should be a preposterous question: "Suppose 10 milous at the expense of their fragile lion people were living in a semidesert where there was not one has too often mined and degraded adequate source of water closer the natural scene while drawing than 200 miles?" and answers it most of its quality from it.

So I amend my enthusiasm. I say, terous. The semidesert is the Los with a further leap into the prepos-Angeles metropolitan area and not but there are varieties and degrees of 10 million, but 15 million people hope, and the wrong kinds, in exces- are living there.

sive amounts, go with human failure and environmental damage as boom goes with bust.

Five years of drought have not even slowed the growth. But 10 would, and 15 would stop it cold, Visionary expectation was a and 20 would send people reeling great energizer of the westward back not only from Los Angeles movement, and something like it but from San Diego, Albuquerque,

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I wholeheartedly agree with your

editor's note (March 25) regarding

receive too many tins of same,

tificial urban enclave. Tree rings inform us that droughts of that duration have occurred. Every Western city hell-bent for expansion might ponder the his-tory of Mesa Verde, which was

abandoned after a 25-year drought. The West, vast and magnificent, greatly various but with the abiding unity of too little water except in its extreme northwest corner, has proved fragile and unforgiving. Damaged by human rapacity or carelessness, it is more likely to go on to erosion gullies and describcation than to restore itself.

In the dry West, using water means using it up. What we put to municipal or industrial use is not coming back into the streams for irrigation, or if it does come back, it comes back poisoned.

What is used in irrigation largely evaporates. The percentage that finds its way back to the streams is increasingly laden with salts, fertilizers and pesticides. And everything we take out of the rivers for any purpose leaves less for trout, rafters, herons, ducks, skinny-dippers and TV cameramen photographing pristine America.

Confronted with an unavoidable shortage that is bound to get worse, many are likely to suggest ever greater engineering projects, roughly comparable to the canals of Mars, o bring water down to the dry country from the Columbia or the Snake or the Yukon, or tow it as icebergs from Glacier Bay to let San Diego expand and the desert blossom.

Arrogant pipe dreams. Why should deserts be asked to blossom? They were doing all right unil we set out to reform them.

Making them blossom is some thing we inherited from Isaiah. It is an idea dear to American and especially Mormon hearts and it has had remarkable short-term successes. But it is open to all sorts of doubts when we look into the future.

Historically, irrigation civiliza-tions have died, either of salinization or of accumulating engineering problems, except in Egypt when until the Aswan Dam, the annual Nile flood kept the land sweet.

And if there are no technical reasons why we cannot move water from remote watersheds, there are ecological and, I might suggest, moral reasons why we should not.

"God put it there. That's a good

place for it." From before it was even known, the West has been a land of Cockaigne where every day is payday. where the handouts grow on bushes

and the little streams of alcohol

come trickling down the rocks. Ordinary people, making it by mess and by God, or not quite making it, are just as susceptible to dreams as the ambitious and greedy, and respond as excitedly to the adventure, the freedom, the apparently inexhaustible richness of the West. And the boosters have been there from the beginning to oversell the West as the Garden of the World.

Sometimes it is hard to tell the boosters from the suckers. They may be the same people. Many of them are deluded deluders, true believers, wishful thinkers, blindfold prophets, at once the agents, the beneficiaries and the victims of the vast speculative real-estate deal that is American and Western history.

I know that historical hope, energy, carelessness and self-deception. 1 mew it before I could talk. My father practically invented it, though he qualified more as sucker than as booster, and profited accordingly. Like many another gambler no worse and no better, he died broke and friendless in a fleabag hotel. Out

As a Crow Indian friend of mine of his life I made a novel, "The Big said about the coal in his country: Rock Candy Mountain," a commodod put it there. That's a good mentary on Western optimism and enterprise and the common man's

dream of something for nothing. Yet I hope that Western hopefulness is not a cynical joke. Somehow, against probability, some sort of indigenous, recognizable culture bas been growing on Western ranches and in Western towns and even in Western cities. It is the

lage and run but of those who settle and love the life they have made and the place they have made it in: I believe that eventually, perhaps within a generation or two, they will work out some sort of compromise between what must be done to earn a living and what must be

product not of the boomers but of

the stickers, not of those who pil-

done to restore health to the Earth, air and water, The feeling is like the feeling in a football game when the momentum changes, when helplessness begins to give way to confidence and what looked like sure defeat opens up to the possibility of victory. It has already begun. I hope I am around to see it fully arrive.

The writer is author of "Where the Bluebird Sings to the Lemonade Springs," a collection of essays. This article was adapted by The New York Times from the introduction

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The New York Times.

Candidates of Stature

The Democratic Party in the United States faces two problems. The short-term problem is that neither Jerry Brown nor Bill Clinton has the trust of a large number of Democrats, Neither will be able to beat George Bush unless the economy sinks deeper or President Bush stubs his toe badly.

The one candidate who inspires trust and is intellectually honest is Paul Tsongas. The suspension of his candidacy is an indictment of the system of choosing candidates.

vention that drafts Mr. Tsongas, or cal sanity before 1996. someone else of character. The second, and long-range, problem is the primary system. There is no legal requirement that a political party operate like a town meeting, indeed, until the post-1968

velt Harry Truman, Adlai Stevenson and John Kennedy at conventions run by professional politicians.

The Republicans, in the same way, also fielded men of stature. The much-maligned politicians of the smoke-filled rooms are professionals who know quality when they see it. They may not be para-gons of virtue, but they have the sense to put real and valid choices before a party convention.

The present system does not produce the best candidates. It is a bathing-beauty contest, where intellectual dishonesty is at a premium The Democrats' only hope for and a large bankroll is necessary.

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E. ERNEST GOLDSTEIN.

Fighting Anti-Semitism

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was able to nominate the likes of woodrow Wilson, Franklin Roose- liam F. Buckley:

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MONICA LOWY.

It is not A. M. Rosenthal's problem that a large number of people opted for Patrick Buchanan as a vote against President George Bush and saw nothing dangerous in doing so — it was their problem.
Thank God someone (Mr. Rosenthal in this case) "sits home stewing

about" such thinking.

Mr. Buckley says: "To have said something anti-Semitic does not necessarily justify the assumption that the person who said it is anti-Semitic. Even as to say something stupid does not justify assuming that the person who said it is stupid."

But stupidity, which can come from inexperience, unclear think-ing or lack of intelligence, is not deliberately hurtful or hateful. Anti-Semitism, on the other hand, seeks intentionally to hurt of alienate an ethnic group. It is precisely that intention which must be examined. There should be no defense

With anti-Semitism again on the production of goose liver, the re-nise, why are the churches so silent? lentless force-feeding and the cut-Knowing its dangers, why don't ting-off of beaks should be the de-they use their influence to stop it? cisive factors in this whole debate. They should say quite simply that Jews, like all buman beings, should

be respected. CLAIRE LEGRAND.

readers' misgivings on the con-sumption of fole gras. Should you The Great Foie Gras Case I see that your American readers kindly send some on to my address.

are puzzled that the French have fewer heart attacks although they eat foic gras and fatty cheeses and drink wine. The reason may be simply that what they cat counts less than the way they relish it. The resultant happiness probably out-weighs any dietary effects.

JULIAN KRELMAN.

Why this incredible fuss about eating or not eating foie gras? Whether or not it is good for humans, it is bad for the goose! The incredible cruelty involved in the

ALTHOUGH the military controls half of the airspace over the United States, it is seeking new training areas near existing bases to save travel time and fuel.

This may be cost-effective, but is it necessary? One such project would open

1.3 million acres (525,000 hectares) of airspace in southern Colorado for combat training, day and night, at altitudes as low as 100 feet (30 meters).

A section of the proposed complex, the Dunes Military Operations Area, includes the Sangre de Cristo Mountain Wilderness Study Area and the adjoining San Luis and Wet Mountain valleys.

The area is home to endangered bald eagles and peregrine falcons as well as herds of deer. elk, antelope, bison and domestic cattle and horses. Not to mention rock climbers, trail riders, residences, schools, churches, and the Great Sand Dunes National Monument.

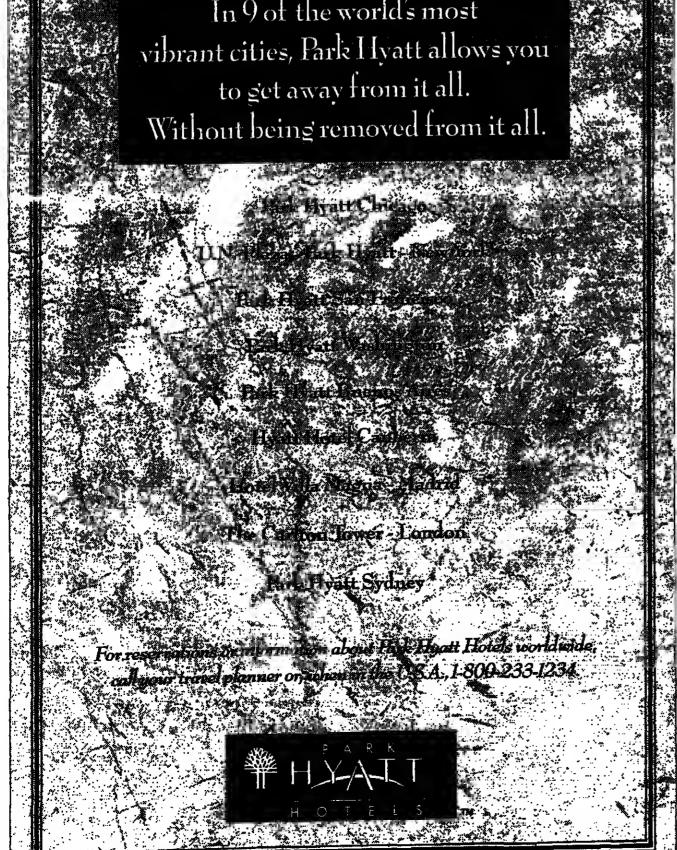
F-16s Over Colorado — for What?

Regular exposure to sonic booms can cause major decreases in bird reproduction and weight loss in domestic livestock. It bas also been linked to emotional and behavioral problems in children.

The airspace program seems to be proceeding without any reassessment to reflect changed world conditions. Clearly, the Pentagon should reconsider. -Dick Wingerson, a retired air

force colonel and member of the Open Space Alliance, writing in The New York Times.

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ASEAN Weighs Moves Against Abuses in Burma

By Michael Richardson nternational Herald Tribune

SINGAPORE - As a senior United Nations envoy prepares to visit Burma this week to try to halt the alleged persecution of the Muslim minority, Southeast Asian countries that have resisted Western proposals for sanctions against Rangoon say the time has come to speak out against abuses by the Burmese military regime.

Jan Eliasson, a UN undersecretary-general who holds the post of humanitarian relief coordinator, is to visit Burma on Thursday following a request by Bangladesh for Security Council action.

According to Bangladeshi officials. more than 210,000 Muslims, known as Rohingyas, have been driven from Burma into Bangladesh since December, creating a tense situation along the border.

The refugees have accused Burmese troops of seizing their identity papers, confiscating property, raping women and killing those who protest.

Rangoon denies persecuting the Robingyas. It says they are illegal immigrants predominantly Buddhist nation.

Tension is also high on Burma's frontier with Thailand. There have been several incursions into Thai territory this month

who have no right to be in Burma, a

by Burmese troops in pursuit of guerrillas of the Christian Karen minority, one of about a dozen ethnic insurgent groups fighting for regional autonomy since Burma gained independence from Britain in

Thai officials said that at least 80 Burmese soldiers had been killed by Thai

forces in these clashes. There are more than 40,000 Burmese

sheltering in Thailand. International aid workers have warned that a systematic policy of repression is being carried out by the Burmese junta against minorities and the mainstream political opposition in Burma may drive tens of thousands more refugees into neighboring Asian countries.

Amid growing concern that Burma may cause serious instability in the region, Na-jib Razak, the Malaysian defense minister. said recently that the Association of South East Asian Nations should consider adopting a unified stand to try to influence Burma by diplomatic means.

"We do not at this stage envisage the need for sanctions," Mr. Najib added.
ASEAN includes Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and

Until now, ASEAN has avoided public

King Fahd Says Free Elections Do Not Suit Saudi Arabia

Arabia,

pressure to try to bring about change in Burma, arguing that it would only make the xenophobic Burmese junta more resis-

tant to change.
In July, ASEAN foreign ministers reected a call by the United States, the European Community and other Western nations to apply joint pressure on Burma to restore democracy and improve human

However, analysts said Monday that recent actions by Burma have forced ASEAN countries to review their low-key

Senior officials of the group are to meet next month to prepare an agenda for the annual meeting of ASEAN foreign ministers in Manila in July and may decide to take up the issue then.

An editorial on Saturday in The Straits Times, Singapore's main English-language newspaper, said that ASEAN's continued silence "may be misunderstood by the international community as acquiescence in the on-going repression" in Burma.

The newspaper said that this "threat to the collective reputation of ASEAN" should prompt it to reappraise the situa-

that would review government pol- the region," the king said in an

"Constructive engagement surely does not mean total disengagement from prin-

must allow ASEAN to use its influence on the Burmese regime to check further departures from internationally accepted codes of behavior. The Straits Times add-

In recent weeks, each of the six ASEAN countries has made public statements calling on Burma to show restraint.

Malaysia and Indonesia, both Muslim majority nations, warned Burma that its actions were unacceptable and threatened regional stability.

Singapore and Thailand, two of Burma's major trading partners, urged Rangoon to allow Burmese refugees to return

UN officials, said that Mr. Eliasson's mission is mainly humanitarian, but that he will try to persuade Burma to stop persecuting the Muslims and take back the Rohingyas who have fled to Bangladesh. If he fails, Western diplomats said that

the UN Security Council is likely to take up the issue and may pass a resolution demanding that Rangoon halt repression and reintegrate Burmese refugees.

Despite close military and economic ties with Burma, diplomats said that it was unlikely that China would use its position as one of the five permanent members of the council to veto such a resolution.

me - not even the Vicanese," he

joked, referring to the highly criti-

cal view the Viennese take of their

Peter Sammartino, 87, the

founder of Fairleigh Dickinson University and an early leader in

the restoration of Ellis Island, was

found shot to death Sunday with

Ethnic Unrest Adds U.S. Presses Savimbi on Allegations

diolomatic sources.

By Jane Perlez New York Times Service

In an editorial denouncing the

which has left thousands homeless

and houses and granaries burned,

The Nation, Kenya's largest-circu-

lation newspaper, said last week that the clashes were "creating po-

litical acrimony and tension that is

Tension remains high in the

western part of the country, where

the tribal violence occurred, and in

Nairobi, the capital, a pervasive

mease prevails as concern mounts

that Mr. Moi will be either unwill-

ing or unable to calm ethnic dis-

trust now rife in a country general-

In the last several days, religious

ly known for its tribal harmony.

threatening national unity."

NAIROBI - In the past few Washington Post Service days, many Kenyans — as well as WASHINGTON — Secretary of the foreign donors who have sunk State James A. Baker 3d has writbillions of dollars of aid into Kenya ten Jonas Savimbi, the U.S.-backed -have expressed concern that one Angolan rebel leader, to demand a murder and human rights abuses of the few African countries with a relatively strong economy and capitalist economic practices may be in within his movement, according to danger of unraveling.

In the last year or so, a series of The sources said the letter warned that failure to address events has contributed to a feeling charges about abuses in Mr. Savimbi's National Union for the Total of uncertainty in Kenya, which Washington until recently consid-ITA, could derail Angola's cease ered one of its strongest allies in fire and United Nations-supervised . Africa. These events have included

elections scheduled for September. widespread charges of government corruption that have halted or cut The sources said they did not know when Mr. Savimbi might reply. the flow of foreign aid on which for years of alleged torture and kill- Kenya's economy depends, and There have been sporadic reports ing of Savimbi rivals within UN caused protests against the government of President Daniel arap Moi ITA. Last week, Mr. Savimbi conthat resulted in police attacks on firmed that abuses had occurred. but he blamed a senior guerrilla demonstrators early this month.

The latest events to shake it nation, an outburst of ethnic vicinity defected. The latest events to shake the

The latest charges include the presumed killing of Tito Chinguni, lence that claimed 60 lives over three weeks this month, have brought Kenya's problems into who as UNITA's principal representative here in the mid-1980s sharp relief, with opposition charges that the president or his helped win substantial U.S. weapaides were instrumental in fomentons assistance for UNITA's struggle against Angola's then-Marxist government, and of Wilson dos ing the fighting. ntos, another senior member of government for the latest violence,

Mr. Savimbi and his aides sought to blame their deaths or disappearances on two close associates who defected three weeks ago to a separatist movement in their home region of Cabinda.

Sandis Deny Patriot Leak

RIYADH - Saudi Arabia has denied a report by a British newschaeologist who discovered the paper, the Sunday Telegraph, that tomb of King Philip of Macedon, it and not Israel leaked secrets of died of complications from cancer the U.S. Patriot anti-missile system used in the Gulf War to China.

To Kenyan Malaise members of Mr. Moi's governing party have charged the government with formanting the clashes as a way of proving that multiparty politics would not work here.

How Mr. Moi, 67, a member of the minority Kalenim tribe could expect to come out ahead by alienating the larger tribes, the Kikuya the Luo and the Luhya, was not clear. Some politicians suggested that Mr. Moi, faced with two opposition parties drawn from the larger tribes, was determined after 14 years in power not to go down

without a fight. Many Kenyans, from business leaders to clergy, say the unease in the country runs far deeper than the uncertainties surrounding a short-lived coup attempt in 1982 "You can't plan for the future" a young professional woman said You don't know what's going to

happen." Accentuating the political and tribal troubles is the economic deterioration.

nation, an outburst of ethnic vio-In November, the foreign donors suspended new infusions of aid for six months, calling for improvement in the political and economic management of the country.

An American diplomat said last week that a World Bank meeting scheduled for May with Kenyan treasury officials to discuss the resumption of aid would not be held. There was nothing to discuss, he

A marked increase in violent crime in Nairobi seems to underscore the growing nervousness. Armed holdups, once a rarity, have become almost commonplace, ac-

cording to shopkeepers.

At the same time, impoverished urban dwellers are faced with serious food shortages, caused in part by a severe drought but also, economists say, by the government's pricing policies. There has been virtually no milk or butter in Nairobi for the last month, and people are walking miles to buy containers of

water.

Earl Spencer, the Father of Diana, Is Dead at 68

LONDON - Edward John Spencer, 68, the 8th Earl Spencer

and the father of Diana, Princess of Wales, died Sunday of a heart at-Diana and her husband, Prince Charles, heir to the British throne,

were in Austria with their two sons on a skiing vacation when the death was announced. They cut short . their vacation

By Youssef M. Ibrahim

New York Times Service

Arabia has ruled out free elections

in his country, saying that Western

democratic practices are not suited

for Saudi and other Arab tradition-

Saudi Arabia, said that his country was nevertheless opposed to mili-

ant fundamentalist Muslim move-

He asserted that, with the excep-

ion of the Afghan Muslim resis-

The king, who described Islam as the only acceptable ideology for

al societies of the Gulf region.

PARIS - King Fahd of Saudi

The earl, who had been suffering from pneumonia, died of myocar-

according to a spokesman for Hu-mana Wellington Hospital in Lon-

The day before she left for Austria, the princess and her older son. Prince William, 9, had visited the earl at the hospital. He was hospitalized March 21, but was reported

to have been recovering.

The earl suffered a stroke in 1978, which had left him somewhat unsteady on his feet when he walked Diana down the aisle at Saint Paul's Cathedral in 1981 for her marriage to Prince Charles.

tance movement that fought the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan,

Saudi Arabia has not supported

fundamentalist movements in the

Arab world and will not extend any

The king's remarks, which ap-

peared Sunday in several Arab

newspapers, constitute a barsh

blow to liberal Saudis who were

hoping that recent reforms would

bring further liberalization of per-

nounced his intention to appoint a

60-member consultative council

Three weeks ago King Fahd an-

sonal and political freedoms.

aid to such movements.

from the former Frances Roche, mother of his four children. He was remarried in 1976, to Raine Legge, whose mother is the best-selling ro-

> Cartland. Farl Spencer who succeeded his father on the 7th earl's death in 1975, was educated at Eton and at Sandhurst military college.

Eberhard Wächter, 63. Director of Vienna Opera VIENNA (AP) - Eherhard

icies and advise the cabinet of min-

isters, thus expanding, albeit slight-

ly, public participation in

But the king's published remarks

strongly underlined that the mod-

est reforms - which also included

greater autonomy for governors

and stronger protection for individ-

ual rights against arbitrary arrest

and surveillance - are the extent

of what may be hoped for in Saudi

ing in the world does not suit us in

"The democratic system prevail-

mantic novelist Dame Barbara

The earl was divorced in 1969 Wachter, 63, director of the Vienna cently. Nobody can take that from State Opera, died Sonday while on a walk through the Vienna woods, Austrian media reported.

Mr. Wachier, a baritone famous for his roles in Mozart operas, was born in Vienna and descended from a noble Austrian family. He became director of the Volksoper. the second opera house in Vienna, in 1986 and moved to the State Opera last year.

Directing Vienna's State Opera was always "the wish of my life," Mr. Wachter told Austrian TV re-

interview with two Gulf Arab dai-

Ittihad of Abu Dhabi.

allies as well.

lies, As Seyassa of Kuwait and Al

"Islam is our social and political

law. It is a complete constitution of

social and economic laws and a

system of government and justice."

the fact that the king chose to make

his comments to a Kuwaiti daily

was of particular significance since

it meant that be disapproved of

Western-style democratic practices

for Saudi Arabia and its Arab Gulf

Several Gulf officials said that

his wife, Sylvia, at their home in Rutherford, New Jersey, in what the police said was a murder-suicide. His wife was 88. Manolis Andronikos, 72, the ar-

opera and theater.

Agence France-Presse

leaders, opposition forces and

DETERMINED TO FIGHT - Speaking at a press forum in Manila on Monday, Innelda Marcos refused to drop her presidential candidacy despite poor showings in the opinion polls before the May 11 election. Her lawyer, Antonio Coronel is at left.

VENTURE: Common Sense Fails as a Turkish-Armenian Deal Collapses

(Continued from page 1) trucked by existing roads across a wedge of northeast Turkey into Ar-

The plan could solve Armenia's devastating transport and fuel-supply problems. The small republic of 3.5 million Orthodox Christians is situated in one of the world's most

unruly neighborhoods. To the north is Georgia, with chronic civil unrest and unsafe roads. To the south, over what would be a bridge except that it has not yet been built, is the radical Islamic fundamentalism of Iran. To the east is Azerbaijan, a Muslim state violently at odds with its own Armenian minority in the long-disputed enclave of Nagorno-Kara-bakh.

As part of that ethnic conflict. Azerbaijan has closed the only pipelines that deliver oil and natural gas to Armenia. Life in Armenia, as a result, is cold, grim and

grindingly poor.
In such a neighborhood, Muslim Turkey stands out. It is an officially secular country that belongs to NATO, leans to the West and espouses capitalism.

For the plan to work, there had to be a thaw in Armenian-Turkish relations. The two countries, while sharing a common border, have been resentful strangers for nearly the Armenian Assembly of Ameri-70 years. Part of the reason was a ca. restrictive trade agreement signed between the Soviet Union and Turkey. It allowed virtually no busi- Genocide is, after 77 years, more ness across the Turkish-Armenian

border for nearly 70 years. and so is the treaty. In return for lections, he noted, "are lessened to access to the Black Sea, America some extent by their daily needs." offered to open its highways to Turkish trucks bound for Azerbai- pora, well-heeled and well-orga-Jan and points east. The shortcut nized, has embarrassed and infuriwould save time, money and head- ated Turkey for decades by aches for Turkish truckers, who are pressing foreign governments to resick of being robbed by roving hoo- member and commemorate The ligans in Georgia and delayed by fussy customs agents in Iran.

The real rub in making the plan by in the United States has been work was the politics of memory. pressing Congress for 10 years to Something had to be done about impassioned Armenian accusations 24, the anniversary of a 1915 and indignant Turkish denials that roundup of Armenians, as a day of reverberate back to 1915.

"The Genocide." and say it was the ened to suspend business ties with mass murder of 1.5 million Arme- American firms.

nians by Ouoman Turks during World War 1. The Turkish government insists that this number is an exaggeration and that there was no state-sponsored plan to exterminate the Armenian people. While acknowledging that many innocent Armenians were killed during the war. Turkish scholars say that in-

nocent Muslims, too, were killed by Ampenians. The dispute over what happened in 1915 matters a great deal to the 4

manded the return of territory that Turkey seized during the war.

Yet, with the collapse of the Soviet Union, the worsening of the war in Azerbaijan and the slowmotion strangulation of the Armenian economy, memory was losing ground last fall to reality.

To look after the long term. Armenia had to cut some kind of deal with Turkey. And to do so, it had to

"The Armenians cling to the hate idea and yet they want to change their economy. It is so childish."

Ishak Alaton, an Istanbul millionaire.

million ethnic Armenians who live find a face-saving way of playing outside that country and whose remittances keep the homeland from

total collapse.
"My grandmother was from a village in what is now Turkey. She was 8 or 9 years old when the Turks came and killed her whole family in front of her eyes. She was sold into slavery in Turkey before she es-caped to Beirut," said Mr. Krikorian, the Washington-based director of government and legal affairs for

Mr. Krikorian acknowledged that preserving memories of The important to Armenian emigres than to those who actually live in Yet, the Soviet Union is dead the homeland, whose bitter recol-

In any case, the Armenian dias-Genocide.

The powerful pro-Armenian lobpass a resolution declaring April everberate back to 1915.

Armenian nationalists call it the resolution, Turkey has threat-

soft on The Genocide.

Mr. Alaton wrote last year to an American diplomat in Istanbul that the "new geopolitical priorities seem to have brought the leading Armenian personalities to the pragmatic conclusion" that a continuation of the anti-Turkish campaign was "counterproductive and harmful to themselves."

He added that the problem the Armenian leaders have to solve now was "how to explain to their people the basic shift in their poli-cy, after 70 years of hatred."

The pragmatic, though imperfect, solution, as Mr. Alaton and Mr. Krikorian explain it, was to put aside questions about 1915. Without prejudice to the views of either Armenia or Turkey, the controver-

sy was to be set on a back burgst. In the meantime, businessman would rush to renovate the Black Sea port, and the governments of Armenia and Turkey would prepare to open border crossings.

To this end, Mr. Alaton used contacts in the State Department to introduce him to influential and wealthy Armenians in the United States. The Turk traveled to New York, where he met in November with Hirair S. Hovnanian, a multimillionaire Armenian contractor from New Jersey and the chairman of the board of the Armenian Assembly of America.

A \$20 million package was put

Besides insisting on such remem- together to develop Trabzon, with brance, Armenians have also de- the American-Armenian community paying half, Mr. Alaton said. Mr. Hovnanian, who is de-

scribed as one of the richest Armemans in the world, was invited to Turkey in February by Mr. Alaton, who arranged a meeting for him in Ankara with the Turkish foreign

minister. The meeting went well, according to two participants, with Foreign Minister Hikmen Ceun promising that the Turkish-Armenian border would soon be open. No mention was made of The Geno-

But after that February meeting, fighting began to heat up in Nagor-no-Karabakh, with well-organized Armenian units pounding the Azorbaijanis, who are ethnic cousins of the Turks. Turkish television showed pictures of mutilated Azerbaijani women and children who allegedly were massacred by Armenians. Turkish newspapers began demanding that Ankara send arms and soldiers to Azerbaijan.

Mr. Alaton came to the reluctant conclusion that the Turkish government wanted to keep "the doors closed on Armenia as leverage to force it to drop claims for territory

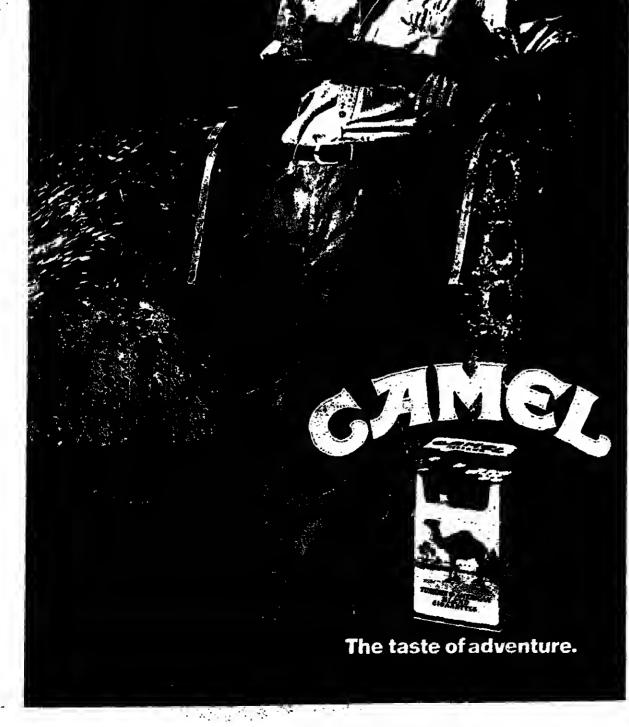
and stop talking about genocide."
He soon found out that his dealings with the Armenians had transformed him, in the eyes of the Turkish press, into a traitor. He began getting hate mail and threat-cning phone calls. Newspaper columnists said he was selling out Turkey for personal profit.

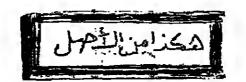
Leaders of the Armenian community in the United States enorganizated similar pressures.

The proved intolerable. ive. Alcton abruptly pulled his company out of the port expansion project. The Turkish government backed away from predictions that border crossings to Armenia would soon open. Armenian-American leaders assured the diaspora in America that no compromise on The Genocide was possible.

Mr. Krikorian said last week that Turkey should "own up to genocide, pay reparations and give back territory

Turkish leaders regarded this demand as an insult. Everything is back to normal





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(Continued from page 1) of Koshnitsa, on the east bank of the Dniester River.

More than 40 people have died this month in battles between Moldovan police and Russian-speaking separatists in eastern Moldova's Trans-Dniestrian Soviet Socialist Republic" who have rejected rule by the ethnic Romanian majority government in Kishinev.

Hundreds of people have been wounded, and the Itar-Tass news agency said Monday that more than 5,000 refugees had fled from the Dniester area toward the Ukrainian port of Odessa.

Alina Dimkova, spokeswoman for the Dniestrian leader, Igor Smirnov, accused Moldovan forces of killing a woman and wounding three people in an attack on an ambulance. Mr. Corlateanu said this report was untrue.

The latest violence flared despite a state of emergency decreed by the Moldovan president, Mircea Snegur, on Saturday. Mr. Smirnov has imposed his

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own state of emergency including a night curfew in response to Mr. Snegur's, and has told his fighters to be ready to resist attacks by

Moldovan forces. Most of Moldova, except for the Director area, belonged to Romania before the Soviet Union annexed it in 1940. Moldova declared independence from Moscow in August and has since joined the Commonwealth of Independent States.

The Russian-speaking minority fears that Moldova will eventually unite with Romania and turn them into second-class citizens. President Ion Iliescn of Romania

said Sunday that officials from Romania, Russia, Ukraine and Moldova would meet this week in a new attempt to solve the conflict. ■ 15 Million May Lose Jobs

More than 15 million workers will lose their jobs in the former Soviet Union this year as the new states there struggle to modernize their inefficient economies, the International Labor Organization said Monday, Reuters reported

from Washington.
The organization, an affiliate of the United Nations, said that another 30 million people in state-sector jobs could end up unemployed because they are chronically underemployed.

"The crunch is coming, one way or the other," said Michel Hansenne, director general of the Geneva-based organization.

The loss of 15 million jobs would bring unemployment to about 12 percent of the work force.

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Leoluca Orlando, right, leader of an anti-Mafia movement in Sicily, arriving with a bodyguard to useet with local officials in Catania.

TALY: Mafia Mobsters Stymie Hopes for Change in National Elections ground.

wealth from narcotics, extortion, the construction industry and, in-

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The Mafia is not an external occupying army, said Pietro

New York Times, edited by Eugene Maleska.

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now running for Parliament on the
small, anti-Maria Republican Party
the coming election may for the first time since World War II unsettle the dominant Christian Democrats and even give Italian politics a new look, no one is expecting fundamental change to be easy in the

Mafia's heartland. The killing of Mr. Lima sent shock waves throughout this island, because he had long been seen as Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti's point-man and pro-consul here, the man who managed the delicate balance between lawful southern politics - the Christian Democrats'

"For years in Palermo and all of Sicily, Lima was the element of balance between Mafia, politics and business - one of those Trojan horses, and certainly not the only one, who permitted the entry of organized crime into city hall," said one of his critics, Leoluca Orlando, a former Palermo mayor who fought the Mafia's encroachment but fell foul of Mr. Lima and the Christian Democrats

least, Germany overstepped its He has since set up his own anti-Mafia party, called the Rete, meantung staunchly defended the Kohl-Waldheim hunch, asserting that

ing network in Italian. The Mafia is no longer the antistate, but a piece of the state," he said "Lima is above all a victim of the system of power that he himself helped to set up."

GERMANS: Painful Comparison (Continued from page 1) trian leader as a crass political gessume after unification. Still, the exture simed at winning rightist suppanded German influence in the

say the country's position in the

fair as Mr. Kohl's personal prob-

On the Turkish use of force

against its Kurdish minority - 2

situation exacerbated by Turkey's

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minority is unacceptable."

- the Germans seem indignant in

The German press seemed

sharply split between those who dismissed the Turkish and Israeli

criticism as intemperate shots de-

signed more for domestic than for-

eign consumption, and those who said that, in the Waldheim affair at

The Frankfurter Allgemeine Zei-

Waldheim critics lacked a "sense of

justice and human dignity."
. But Munich's Süddeutsche Zei-

tang condemned Mr. Kohl's angry

stand by its neighbor.

port in Sunday's regional elections European Community, the leading The paper said Mr. Kohl's attack role in the development of interna-Friday, accusing the World Jewish tional policy toward the Yugoslav Congress of having opposed Gercivil war, and the dominant posiman unification, was a signal, as if tion Germany has taken in investto say: "Look here, we are someing in the rebuilding of Eastern body again! Take note, dear right-Europe have all contributed to wing voters!" fears of renewed German might. German government officials

Turkey and Waldheim disputes is benign. They see the Waldheim aflem, a decision by the chancellor Getting Off? that was made either out of purely

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political calculation — a bid to shore up rightist support on the eve safe to fly," Mr. Smith said. "We of important regional elections make every effort to err on the side or from a longstanding belief that of conservatism when it comes to Mr. Waldheim was wronged and any weather condition." that Germany has an obligation to

Snow makes passengers antsy, said Beth DeProspero, a flight attendant for two and a half years. "Once it starts snowing . . said, her voice trailing off.

"People don't understand. They know it's hard to drive in, so they assume it's hard to fly in. And once they see so many delays, they start panicking.

We are obliged to point our finger at what is unacceptable." It doesn't take bad weather to make some passengers jump. She recalled one flight where a passensaid a Foreign Ministry official in ger, for no apparent reason, began shouting, "Stewardess! I hate you! I want off the plane!" Bonn. "We do not deny Turkey's right to defend itself against terrorism, but the use of force against a

The woman got her wish, to the relief of all concerned. Such incidents are rare; the flight attendant can recall only two cases in her

hundreds of flights. "If they start losing control, get-ting really hysterical, and causing danger to the rest of the passengers. we'll go back," she said. "Some-

times you get people jumping for the exits. They really do." Mr. Smith said there was good news for passengers who ask off a flight: They can most likely get their money back or book another

flight at the same cost.

If they have a legitimate concern, we try not to penalize them," he said. "The complaint is legitimate in their mind, even though they may not trust our judgment. We're going to work with people."

FRANCE: Mitterrand Seems Likely to Shuffle Cabinet

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government rather than give up the presidency of the Burgundy region that he had won amid similar alle-

In Sunday's cantonal vote, the Socialists took up where they left off in the previous week's regional elections, plunging to another conspicuous defeat.

The party lost five of the 29 departments they had previously held to rightist parties. The most humiliating setback was in the industrial Nord Department, which had been held by the left for the past 58 years. The party's other defeats were in Puy-de-Dome, Drôme, Dordogne and Gers.

Mrs. Cresson herself scraped to victory Sunday with 51.4 percent of the vote in her local constituency of Chatellerault in western France. But Jean-Louis Bianco, the social affairs minister, was defeated. The day was a first-past-the-post rouoff

second-round, runoff vote was for favoring larger parties over smaller 1,423 cantons, or districts, making up most of the country's 100 departments.

Philippe Marchand, the interior minister, described the result as "a serious warning to the government and an expression of a profound desire for renewal."

This message was underlined Monday when Laurent Fabius, the leader of the Socialist Party, lost a ballot for the presidency of the Upper Normandy regional council to a Gaullist candidate,

A week earlier, in polling for the country's regional councils, the So-cialists won just 18.3 percent of the vote as ecologist parties and the far-right, anti-immigrant National Front benefited from a general weariness both with the Socialist government and with the centerright parties that preceded it.

Because the cantonal vote Sun-

ones — as opposed to the propor-tional system used in the previous week's voting for regional councils -the National Front and ecologist parties made scant impression. The National Front won one seat on local councils and the ecologists

Beyond the apparently imminent overnment reshuffle, one of Mr. Mitterrand's dilemmas is whether to switch from a two-round runoff system to proportional representation in parliamentary elections next

As the two polls have shown, proportional representation would lead to a splintered Parliament in which the National Front and ecol-ogist parties would probably have a strong presence. Sticking with the current two-round system would almost certainly lead to an over-

Cabinet Official Named In Bank Investigation New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Agriculture Edward R. Madigan is being investigated by federal anthorities along with the other directors and executives of a failed Illinois savings association over their role in the institution, according to federal officials.

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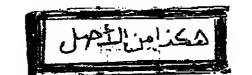
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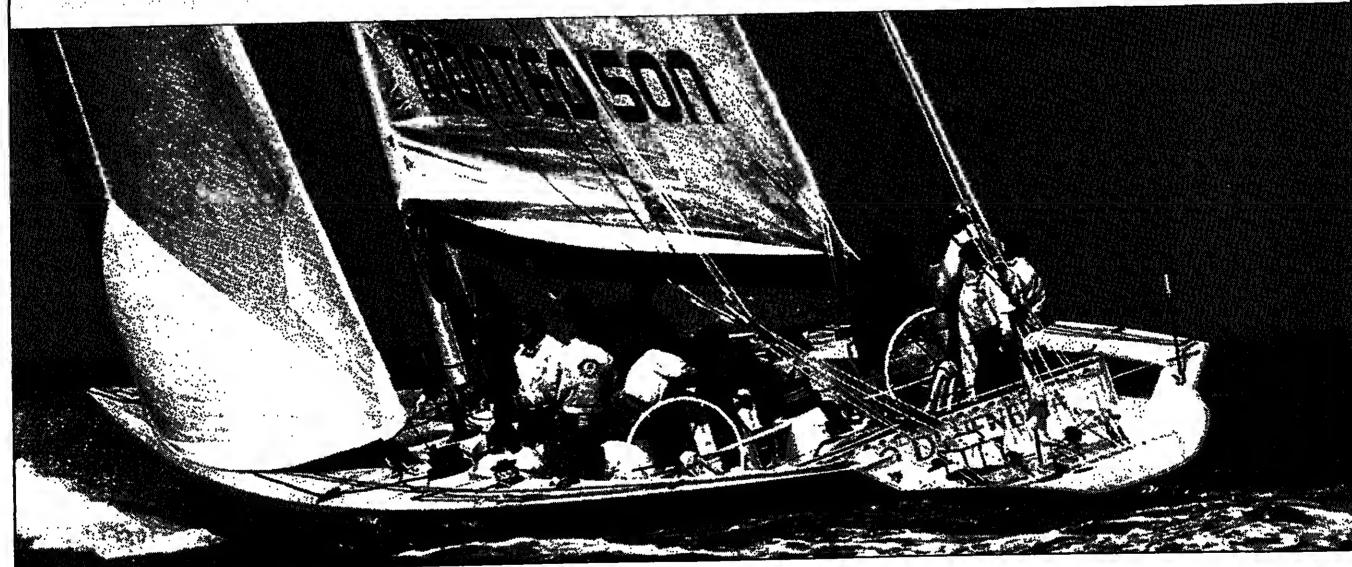
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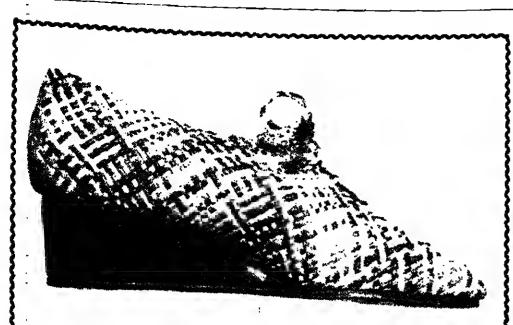
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Fashion Climbs Back Onto Platform Soles

Revival Looks Back to Ferragamo's '40s Innovations

ARIS - Actors in Ancient Greece declaimed their lines from them: courtesans in Renaissance Venice tottered on them; wartime brides strutted in them; even hippies in the Flower Power era held love-ins on them. And now, against all reason or good sense, platformed-soled shoes are back as the height of fashion.

Club-sandwich-sized soles were served up in the new season's international collections. The reprise started two years ago with Vivienne Westwood, the maverick British designer who is always a stride ahead. This season Westwood had her models walking way up there on thick-soled shoes worn with anything from

SUZY MENKES

skinny skirts to jeans. Platform soles had already reached the ears of Karl Lagerfeld and the ankles of his models. At the Fendi show the designer sent out in Milan, super-model Christie Turlington even fell off the precarious footwear, and at the Chanel conture show in January the orthopedically heavy shoes shocked the staider clients.

"It makes the girls walk tall," says Lagerfeld of the shoes that gave the finishing touches to his new attenu-ated silhouette. By the fall, every woman will have that opportunity, for shoes on soles thick or thin are the

Salvatore Ferragamo, who died in 1960, was the designer who made platform-sole shoes high fashion in the 1940s. A homage to the "shoemaker to the stars" opens on April 12 at the Los Angeles County Museum
—70 years after the young cobbler left his native Italy
and set up the Hollywood Boot Store. His imaginative contribution to footwear fashion lives on, in the \$200million-a-year family business, headed by his widow, Wanda, and run by his six children: Fiamma, vice president and footwear designer; Ferruccio, chief executive officer; Giovanna, ready-to-wear designer; Fulvia, accessories designer; Leonardo, menswear and Asian area specialist, and Massimo, U.S. president. On Thursday, Ferragamo will open a Paris store, to add to the worldwide Florence-based empire, and the family will host a dinner in Los Angeles next month to

launch the museum retrospective.
"It will be a very emotional moment for me to see the exhibition in Los Angeles — it seems to me that all my sentimental life is there." says Wanda Ferragamo. has vivid recollection of the first shoes that Salvatore made for her, lace-up shoes with the leather "cut like fish scales.

"I stepped into the shoes and felt I was flying," she says. "I had never worn comfortable shoes before, I had just wanted to make my feet look small."

created for Marilyn Monroe, Sophia Loren, Ava Gardner and other screen sirens of the 1950s.

Salvatore Ferragamo's technical innovations came during the privations of World War II, when leather was banned except for essential or military footwear. In adversity, Ferragamo plaited cellophane, stretched fishskin, painted canvas uppers, and devised cork wedges to replace the steel shanks needed to support

The lightweight wedges revolutionized the concept of the thick sole, which to previous generations had been a sturdy wooden platform; the cothurni worn by Greek and Roman actors and the Venetian chopin condemned by the Church in the 15th century for their association with "depraved and dissolute women."
The "walking maypole" look was soon taken up by fashionable Venetian ladies.

By how much the nobler a woman is, by so much igher are her chapineys," claimed Thomas Coryat in 1611, "All their gentlewomen . . . are assisted and supported either by men or women, when they walk abroad, to the end they might not fall."

There lies the conundrum of the exaggerated platform shoes: If they make it hard to walk, why should

yone want to wear them?

The primary purpose of a thick sole is to make the wearer appear taller and more important — hence the enthusiasm of skinny and tiny 1970s male pop stars for platform soles and Cuban heels (another fashion currently having a revival).

The 1990s enthusiasm for platform soles is part of a fascination for the 1970s, which first emerged in the flea markets in London and has been taken up by pop groups and fashion designers. A feeling for Berlin in the late 1930s and for the wartime looks of the 1940s is another retrospective influence on fashion that makes platform soles seem newly desirable.

THE thick sole has found its modern adherents in the craze for Dr. Martens and the high-tech air-pump soles on athletic shoes. But whereas such footwear is all about sturdiness, comfort and action, the same is not true of high

platforms and wedgies, however cleverly designed.

A generation of women has leveled with men by striding out in flat shoes. If modern women, like their enetian counterparts, require a companion to support them as they totter about on platform soles, it will be a signal that post-feminism is afoot.

Like all changes in fashion, the result is likely to be Westwood runways. Shoe designers will take the concept of the platform sole and make it just a sliver of

leather supporting a slightly-raised shoe.

Wanda Ferragamo, at 70, comes out in defense of her husband's innovation.

The most extraordinary shoes on exhibit will not be the pointed Aladdin's slippers made for Cecil B. De Mille movies, nor even the glamorous stiletto heels they take me back to living those wonderful years."



A Lagerfeld 1992 model in platforms, with Ferragamo '40s designs, clockwise from top left: raffia upper and cork heel, cork sole and transparent heel, and cellophane upper.





American Films: Boffo Overseas Hollywood's New Frontier

By Alan Citron OS ANGELES - OIiver Stone's "JFK" explores one of the defining events in American history, the assassination of President Kennedy. But as it headed into the best picture race at Monday night's Academy Awards, the controversial film was drawing its biggest crowds outside the United

Its success - "JFK" has raked in more than half of its \$150 million in ticket sales overseas - has something to do with affection for Kennedy abroad. But it says even more about the growing importance of the inter-national movie market, which Hollywood has come to regard as its own new frontier.

In the decade ahead, the mafor studios, which are suffering from a stagnant domestic market, expect foreign audiences to provide up to 70 percent of their business. "Increasingly we are producing an export commodity," says the entertainment industry attorney Bruce Lilliston. The product that is most successful around the world is the Hollywood film."

Overseas investment in movie production also colors Hollywood's increasingly global per-

Half the major movie studios - Sony Pictures, 20th Century-Fox and Universal Pictures are foreign-owned. Three films nominated for best picture -"JFK," "Bugsy" and "The Prince of Tides" — were fully or partly made with overseas mon-

Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, calls the foreign mar-ket the "locomotive" that will carry the movie industry into the next decade, Nearly half of all film revenue already comes from abroad, compared with about 30 percent in 1980. Movles earn the United States a \$3.5 billion export surplus — up from \$3 billion in just two years.

glamonr, action and sex, American films have always enjoyed the greatest international popularity. In recent years, especially, they have come to dominate theaters the way Japanese products dominate consumer electronics. Now, with the construction of

commercialization of European television (which opens up another market for movies) and multinational filmmaking alliances, Hollywood's opportunitics are multiplying.

In Britain, theater admissions

doubled to 100 million last year, after 400 state-of-the-art screens were built from 1985 to 1991.

Hollywood executives expect to reap even larger benefits once more theaters are up and running. The United States, with a population of 248 million, has 24,000 movie screens. That compares with fewer than 2,000 screens in Japan, where there are 123 million people.

European cities are similarly outmoded and "underscreened," to use the industry lingo. In Italy, many people don't go to movies during the summer because the theaters aren't air-conditioned -at least

not yet.

American companies hope to change those habits. Last spring, Time Warner Inc. announced plans to construct 25 to 30 luxury multiplexes in Ja-

HROUGHOUT Ension is under way. And Hollywood also is looking to such isolated but promising markets as Indonesia, Independent States and Chins.

Richard J. Fox, who beads international distribution for Warner Bros., calls theater construction the pathway to profit. Once that infrastructure is built," he said, "you're going to see something enormous."

Adds the MPAA's Valenti:

"As they say in movies, When you build it, they will come." With revenues growing Hollywood executives will have their sights set overseas for the near future. The entertainment industry analyst Jeffrey Logs-don of Seidler Amdec Securities in Los Angeles predicts that foreign sales, which grew 9 percent last year, will catch up to domestic revenues by 1994.

The major studios look to the commercialization of European been under tight government control, to provide even more avenues of distribution for American films in the years ahead. The reason: More changets and potent nels will be opening up, so more combination of movies will be purchased for broadcast on TV. And, for the first time, European TV can be used as an advertising tool.

Lilliston says the delimition of a Hollywood movie has changed radically as the globe has

"These films look like Hollywood movies and talk and act multiplex theaters abroad, the like Hollywood movies, but in many cases they aren't," he said Total Recall was considered a classic American film," Lilliston said of the Arnold Schwarzeneg ger vehicle. "But it has an Austrian star, a Dutch director and was financed by a French bank."

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are bittersweet solace.

"I'm sad and I'm also infuriat-

ed." said Alan Coren, a former edi-

tor of Punch, and now a columnist

with The Times of London. "Punch

had an absolutely enormous im-

pact on the culture, and I'm unhap-

py the culture cannot sustain a

Among the stall, a dwindling band of about a dozen led by David

Thomas, 33, who was hired three

years ago to give Punch a younger

and hipper image, such sentiments

isn't it?" said Sean Macauley, the

magazine's feature editor, referring to the sudden flood of praise and

tribute: "The British only tend to

"It's a classic British problem.

ONDON - The bleak news that Punch would print its last issue next week, after more than tion, came as no surprise to most. The circulation of England's most famous satirical review had plummeted in recent years to only 33.000, and critics ritually complained that as a humor magazine. it suffered a serious flaw: It wasn't

very funny anymore. But even if Punch had lost most of its readers, the news of its impending demise induced a sudden flood of mourners. Just as there are

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value things once they're gone."

Macauley said the new editors had struggled vainly in recent years to adapt to changing fashions in burnor and attract a younger audience, although the strategy resulted in an editorial shift of jarring pro-

portions. To United Newspapers, the com-pany that took over Punch's dwindling subscriber list in 1969, it was just smart marketing; oot only was Punch losing its audience to ruder,

more mean-spirited satirical publi-

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cations like Private Eye and Viz. its subscriber base was being eroded by what one staffer called biological leakage" — the gradual dying off of faithful older readers.

But the magazine's turn toward the young and hip provoked more animus than admiration, and a steady barrage of criticism from older readers - not to mention writers and critics - who said they were offended by all the new jokes about car telephones and BMWs.

One detractor, quoted last year in The Guardian, said Punch's strategy was akin to diluting a case of Chateau-Lafite with raspberry juice so it could be sold to young people on their way to school.

"I believe there is still a market

for a high-quality magazine aimed at a literate market," said Coren, one of those who believe the magazine's blind pursuit of the younger reader helped to do it in. There are people out there who want to read discursive comic essays and enjoy quality cartoons."

For most of its century and a half Punch had east itself, sometimes brilliantly, as a wry and whimsical

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observer of English manners and society. Its cartoons and essays not only helped to reshape British sensibilities, but had an impact across the Atlantic as well

But as is the case with the monarchy, there are a lot of people determined to celebrate Punch more for what it has been than for what it has become, even if oobody seems able to agree on what, exactly, Punch was supposed to be.

During the Vietnam War, re-called Miles Kington, a member of the Punch staff at the time, "someone would bound in and say, What are we going to say about Vietnam this week? And the answer would be: 'Nothing It's not that sort of magazine.' Which led to the questioo Well, what sort of magazine is

The answer is not altogether clear. When it was founded in 1841 by Mark Lemon, the soo of a London publican, Punch had an ag-gressive social conscience. The little character who was the magazine's namesake wielded a ruption of its courts.

N later years Punch took a less defiant turn. It became a showcase for the best British satirical writers. William Thackeray was a regular cootribotor, and A. A. Milne, the creator of Winnie-the-Pooh, was once an assistant editor. Sir John Tenniel. who furnished the drawings for "Alice in Wonderland," provided illustrations.

a popular magazine. In 1948 its circulation topped out at 175,000, and the magazine's obiquitous place in dentists' waiting rooms and on the coffee tables of earnest London professionals served to certify its subscribers as persons of stolid middle-class virtue.

Punch was, after all, a magazine for people of taste and quiet dignity; its cartoons and essays strove for the wry chuckle, rather than the cudgel to beat down the enemies of society, and articles regularly in-

veighed against the cooditions in London's sweatshops and the cormagazine, goes even further. He magazine, goes even further. He describes Punch, in its prime, as "a humorous magazine primarily for the upper class." One recurrent theme, he wrote,

was what be described as "the np-stairs-downstairs joke." He recounted this cartoon example: Two well-dressed women are taking tea together in a well-appointed room. One is saying to the other, "She was not a bad cook as cooks go; but as cooks go, she went." At the same time essays in the

In the years following World magazine tended to reflect an up-War II, Punch reached its zenith as per-class fascination and befuddlement over even the most routine of household accessories.

Over the years the magazine's long and eminent past weighed on its editors and writers, who could Punch had been a lot better, and funnier, in the past. Kington re-called that such sensibilities "hung over the magazine like a nostalgic cloud of poison gas."

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INTERNATIONAL STOCKS

Grand Met and Guinness Best of U.K. Spirit Issues

By Steven Prokesch New York Times Service

ONDON — After several years of acquisitions and divestitures that have reshaped the British giants of the world alcoholic-beverage market, Grand Metropolitan PLC and Guinness PLC have emerged as the favorite stocks among analysts, with Allied-Lyons PLC next and a divided opinion on Bass PLC.

One impetus for the reshaping of the industry has been the British government's determination to make the domestic beer market more competitive. By Nov. 1, brewers must reduce greatly their control of the nation's pubs.

That is one reason analysts generally like Grand Metropolitan

and Guinness as long-term investments. Guinness, whose shares have recently attracted Berkshire Flathaway Inc., never owned British pubs, and Grand Met completed its withdrawal from brewing last year and put many of its pubs into a joint venture.

A lack of pub exposure is considered attractive.

By contrast, Bass, Britain's largest brewer, gets two-thirds of its operating earnings from beer and pubs. What is more, analysts still question the wisdom of its \$2 billion purchase in 1990 of Holiday Inn hotels, a business being squeezed by the U.S. recession. Bass shares rose Monday, ending at 540 pence (\$9.39), up six pence. They are trading at about six times estimated earnings for the company's current financial year.

Not coincidentally, Guinness, Grand Met and Allied rank among the leaders of the global spirits market, offering them some protection from the American and British recessions as well

as from the turmoil in brewing and pubs.

They have been successful in marketing expensive drinks and cultivating East Asian, South American and Southern European markets. Analysts rave about how Guinness and Grand Met have exploited brands to generate fat profits.

Guinness owns Johnnie Walker, Bell's Extra Special and Dewars scotch whiskies, Gordon's vodka and gin and Tanqueray gin. Its Guinness Stout is one of the handful of global beer brands.

RAND MET'S BRANDS include Baileys Original Irish Cream, J&B scotch, Gilbeys and Bombay gins, Smirnoff vodka and Inglenook, Almaden and Christian Brothers wines. It also owns Pillsbury foods, Haagen-Dazs ico-cream, Alpo pet food, Pearle Vision eyewear centers and Burger King.

Grand Met will continue to deliver above average earnings over a five-year period," said Edouard de Boisgelin of Merrill Lynch &

Co. With few signs of strong economic growth in America and Britain, though, he was neutral on the stock over the short term.

More bullish, Derek Brock of Nomura Research Institute Europe Ltd., said, "If you're looking for a play on the U.S. recovery, that's the stock."

In London, Grand Met shares trade at about 12 times anticipated earnings for the year ending Sept. 30. On Monday, the shares fell 4 pence, to 871 pence.

With Guinness trading at a relatively high multiple of more than 15 times expected 1992 earnings, several analysts advised short-term investors to hold on to what they have or cautiously

buy more. Its stock fell to 568 pence Monday, down 7 pence.
The stock has been helped by recently confirmed rumors that Berkshire Hathaway Inc., the insurance and investment company run by Warren E. Buffet, the chairman of Salomon Brothers Inc., has been buying shares. Its stake, however, is less than 2 percent.

How about Allied-Lyons shares? "I would hold them because the company is going through a period of rapid change," said Michael McCarthy of Smith New Court Securities Ltd. The stock slipped Monday, to 610 pence, down a penny and about 13 times forecast carnings for its current financial year, which ends Tuesday.

After suffering a big foreign-exchange loss last year, Alhed shook up top management and divested some businesses in an attempt to focus on its main brands. They include Ballantine's, Canadian Chib and Teacher's whiskies, Beefeater gin, Courvoisier cognac, Harvey's Bristol Cream sherry, the Mister Donut and Dunkin' Donut chains, Tetley tea and Baskin-Robbins ice cream.

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Tunnel Builders **Win Bout** Eurotunnel Told

To Add Payments Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON - The consortium of builders working on the Channel Tunnel has won a ruling upholding most of its claims against Euronun-nel, the owner of the project, it was

revealed Monday.

The dispute is about the size of and responsibility for cost overruns incurred in part to meet revised safety regulations and standards. The tunnel's builders, whose con-sortium is called Trans Manche Link bave estimated the charges total about 14 billion French francs (\$2,49 billion).

Arbitrators ruled that Eurotunoel should triple its moothly pay-ments to the British and French contractors, to £75 million (\$130.4 million).

Eurotunnel, which announced the ruling by the Disputes Panel, said it intended to appeal against the arbitration committee's deci-sion by taking aspects of the case before the International Chamber of Commerce in Brussels.

The additional charges allegedly imposed on the builders by Eurotunnel were were mainly for extra work on railway lines in the tunnel, signals, power cables and air conditioning.

The ruling battered the price of Eurotunnel's stock in Paris and London. On the Bourse, Eurotunnel SA fell 3.10 francs to 40.20. Eurotunnel PLC dropped 33 pence, to 405 pence, on the London Stock

stop work if Euronamel failed to share to no more than 13 percent price increases, the deputy prime provide more money. (AFP, AFX) and to more than double Kazakh- minister said.

Nat West Names Young Chief

By Erik Ipsen

LONDON - National Westminster Bank said Mooday that Tom Frost, its beleaguered chief executive, had stepped down 18 months ahead of his planned retirement. He has been replaced by Derek Wankss, who at 44 is the youngest man to head a big British bank in recent memory.

The prospect of an executive with so long a run before retirement startled many. "It is a bit pecu-liar really, this means that Wanless could be Nat West's chief executive for the next 21 years, said Chris Wheeler, an analyst with Shearson Lehman Brothers in London.

For Mr. Frost, the tour at the top of Britain's second-largest bank lasted just under five years. The proximate cause of his demise was the request by Lord Alexander, the Nat West chairman, earlier this month that the government re-open its investi-gation into the 1987 Bine Arrow PLC affair, Rumore had surfaced recently that Mr. Frost had misled investigators in their original inquiry, charges Mr. Frost has repeatedly denied.

In that affair, the failure of an £837 million (\$1.46 billion) rights offering that had been co-managed for Blue Arrow by NatWest's invest-ment-banking arm had been concealed from the stock market, resulting in criminal convictions of three former NatWest officers only last month and that cost Narwest's chairman and several other senior executives their jobs at the time.

Many analysts suggested, however, that even without the fresh stirring of Blue Arrow ashes, Mr. Frost's days atop NatWest were numbered. "A lot of people would still not have been at all surprised to see Tom Frost go even without this investigation," said one analyst.

Mr. Wanless now takes over the bank at a singularly difficult moment in its history. Only four years ago, NatWest posted the largest pretax profit ever achieved by a British bank. Today, the recession and its puny profits are forcing the bank to re-examine its forays into investment banking and into the United States, and to take an ax to costs across the board.

"It took the recession to bring the message home to NatWest that they are not invulnerable," said Rod Barrett, an analyst at Goldman, Sachs & Co.

NatWest's new president may be shockingly young for an industry one analyst describes as "pretry archaic" but the promotion has hardly caught him unawares. Although Mr. Wanless was tapped just two months ago to head the bank's corporate and investment-banking operations and was named at that time one of two deputy group chief executives, his rise to the No. 1 had long been just a matter of timing.

"He has been seen inside the bank for at least the last 12 years as a future chief executive," said Michael Fesemeyer, a former NatWest banker who is now an analyst with Nomura Research Institute.

Mr. Wanless had been on the fast track since he joined the bank in 1970. Mr. Fesemeyer recalled, for instance, that by the time the new president was 32, he had already scaled halfway up the bank's management grid, classifying as an M-5 in a system that goes no higher than M-10.

Kazakhstan Twists Chevron's Arm

MOSCOW - Kazakhstan has sent new demands to Chevron Corp. over development of the gi-ant Tengiz oil field and, if rejected, says it will allow other companies to bid for exploration rights, Interfax news agency reported Monday.
It quoted Kazakhstan's deputy
prime minister, Kalyk Abdullayev. In January, the Court of Appeal as saying that the republic wanted in London ruled the builders could to cut the U.S. company's profit

stan's royalties. These could then reach \$25 billion. Mr. Abdullayev said the new de-

mands were based on the conciu-sions of an international group of advisers to the republic, including and its recoverable reserves may be Goldman Sachs & Co. and a London law firm, Slaughter & May. Kazakhstan would also demand

increased payments for land use and planned to retain control all excess profit from potential oil

three years to gain exploration rights to Kazakhstan's Tengiz field. and its recoverable reserves may be as high as 7 billion to 10 billion

Chevron had been dealing with the central Soviet government but the Soviet Union's collapse late last year meant it had to start talks with the Kazakh government.

Hachette Eats Bitter New Pill From La Cing

By Roger Cohen New York Times Service

PARIS --- Shares in Hachette SA plunged 4.1 percent Monday in hectic trading on the Paris Bourse after the leading French publisher said its 1991 results would be seriously affected by losses at the trou-bled television channel La Cinq.

Hachette, which in addition to its French media interests owns such U.S. publications as Woman's Day and Elle, said that the problems of La Cinq would cost the company an estimated 1.8 billion francs (\$321 million) in 1991.

The company had already set up a cash reserve of 1.75 billion francs in 1990 to cover potential losses at La Cinq, which has filed for bank-ruptcy. Hachette said Monday that the 1.8 billion francs would come on top of this reserve.

One official close to Hachette, who insisted on anonymity, said the new write-off was intended to "close the chapter of La Cinq for Hachette." She said the company now expected the television station to be liquidated, even though it is still on the air while last-minute

proposals to save it are examined. In its statement, Hachette said it was at an advanced stage in talks with its "principal financial partners." These talks, it said, were financial structures guaranteeing the company's future development.

[After the charge against 1991 accounts, Hachette will have 1.6 billion francs of capital, against 11 billion francs of debt, said Anita Hibbert, analyst at Smith New Court Securities, according to a

might now opt for a capital increase, Renters reported. It quoted a source close to the situation as saying that some of Hachette's financial partners might subscribe to the capital increase. Its main financial backers, Credit Lyonnais, Banque Nationale de Paris and Groupe des Assurances Nationales, declined to shed any light on the discussions going on.] Hachette owns 25 percent of La.

Cinq, which was started in 1985 as an early French experiment in private television.

Another 25 percent of the company is owned by the Italian businessman Silvio Berlusconi, who recently

withdrew a proposed rescue package after encountering what he called unacceptable conditions from banks and French authorities. La Cinq's 1991 losses have been

estimated at 1.12 billion francs and its accumulated losses since 1987 at oearly 3 billion francs.

Hachette declined to give any in-dication of its overall 1991 results. which are to be disclosed in April. It has already announced a 1.4 percent rise in 1991 revenue to 30.46 billion francs. For the six months ended June 31, 1991, the company announced a loss of 30 million francs. While La Cinq's problems had

been expected to weigh on Hachette's 1991 results, the announceaimed at "a consolidation of our ment Monday took the market by surprise. Hachette stock plunged 6.70 francs to 158.30 francs.

Hachette has also been having a where it has quickly built up a stable of several magazines in recent years, including Stereo, Car & Driver and Road & Track. Analysts have criti-Bloomberg Business News dispatch. cized Mr. Lagardère for misjudging [Financial sources said Hachette, the U.S. market.

Banks Chewing Their Nails Over O&Y

By Richard D. Hylton

New York Times Service NEW YORK - Many of the largest banks in North America, Europe and Asia lent billions of dollars to Olympia & York Devel-opments Ltd., the world's largest private real estate company, even though it refused to disclose all its financial obligations and would not let the banks review its books.

Now the company, owned by the Reichmann family of Toronto, is being pummeled by too much debt, depressed property markets and a series of disastrous investments, and the banks are nervously lining up to see what their losses are likely to be. After decades of closely guard-ing its finances, Olympia & York has been forced to agree to open its

books ocat Monday and show its creditor banks who is owed what, and on what terms.

Some loans secured by the first mortgage on valuable assets, like Scotia Plaza in Toronto, are likely to be secure, but some banks may wind up writing off as losses a por-tion of the billions lent against the company's general credit.

"Unsecured lending without knowing the full financial picture is very dangerous," said H. Rodgin Cohen, a partner with the law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell in New York and a specialist in banking law. But secured lending based on the value of specific projects is perfeetly reasonable without knowing the full financial picture."
On Friday, some banks were told for the first time that Clympia &

York was carrying \$15 billion in real estate debt and more than \$3 billion on its oil and gas subsidiaries.

With the company facing a string of large debt payments that it cannot meet, it is pressing its banks for even more money in short-term loans and for more lenient terms on its existing debt. Some of the world's major banks

lent the company at least \$10 bilhon for real estate, and Olympia & York borrowed billions more by selling bonds. Olympia & York is the largest

owner of office space in New York City, where its properties include the World Financial Center in Manhattan and more than a dozen other office towers. It is also building the immense and troubled Canary Wharf complex in London.

The two most troubled legs of the company are its New York and London real estate holdings; the Canadian assets are believed to have the most value. No one but the Reichmanns and their lawyers are sure of the value of the empire after the more than \$18.5 billion of

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least two years but could not be measured because the company's finances were so closely guarded. And the company always vehe-mently denied it was having diffi-culty, even when in 1990 it sought to raise cash by trying to sell 20 percent of its U.S. property portfo-lio and then trying to sell its oil and

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said Thomas Hanley, a bank analyst at First Boston Corp.

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Olympia & York, but European banks are also owed billions, as are & York have been emerging for at a host of Japanese lenders. Citicorp is believed to have lent

about half a billion dollars to Olym-

pia & York, but it may have sold pieces of those loans to other banks. Chemical Banking Corp. is believed to hold \$250 million of loans to the company, one banker said. Some of Olympia & York's creditors are the same banks that lent

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Service Ltd. Olympia & York has an overall vacancy rate of 10 percent in its North American portfo-

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Olympia & York financed its \$3 billion equity contribution to Ca-nary Wharf largely by remortgaging some older New York buildings. As the debt on some of those mortgages matures, the company must find a way of refinancing hundreds of milbons of dollars in mortgages. The greatest threat to Canary

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Bidding Adieu to Heathkits

New York Times Service NEW YORK — Before there were nerds, before there was Silicon

Valley, there were Heathkits, which let throngs of ambitious amateurs and aspiring engineers build their own electronic equipment.

Heath's kit sales have steadily declined since 1981, victims of reduced leisure time, declining prices that make it cheaper to buy

fancy radios and electronic equipment than to build them, and the seduction of technically oriented consumers by personal computers. Heath's phasing out its kits "leaves the amateur, like me, no place to tum," said former Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona.

"It's just that people today are getting terribly lazy, and they don't like to do anything they can pay someone else to do," said Mr. Goldwater, 83, who has managed to wire up more than 100 Heath-kits. "I think the current generation is certainly missing out."

of its kits to concentrate on faster-selling products.

But after 45 years in the business, Heath Co. is closing out the last

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of BANQUE BELGE ASSET MANAGEMENT FUND, SICAV will be held at its registered office in Luxembourg, 14, Rue Aldringen, on April 8th, 1992 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of considering and voting upon the following agenda:

1. To hear and accept:

a) the management report of the directors;
b) the report of the auditor.

2. To approve the statement of assets and liabilities and the statement of operations for the year ended 31st December, To discharge the directors and the auditor with respect to their

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Earnings Concerns Hang Over Market

NEW YORK — Blue-chip Friday, and we're close to earnstocks rose slightly Monday but the broader market was weaker as investors turned cautious while waiting for first-quarter earnings.

N.Y. Stocks

3,235.24. The key barometer got a boost from Walt Disney, up 24 to 150½, and Merck, up 1¼ to 147%. But declines topped advances by a 9-to-7 margin on the New York Stock Exchange. Among the broad gauges, the New York Stock Ex-

change composite index eased 0.13 to 223.18 and Standard & Poor's 500-stock index slid 0.18 to 403.32. It was the year's slowest session. Volume amounted to about 129.6 million shares.

Joseph Barthel, director of investment strategy at Fahnestock & Co. said Monday's slight bounce after Friday's 36-point slide was more "a technical rebound than anything fundamentally driven." We're coming off the slowest

week of the year, which will contin-ue all this week," said Edward Laux, head block trader at Kidder, Peabody & Co. "You've got a bevy of economic reports coming again,

led by the unemployment report on

ings," he said. Earnings of major banks, which restors turned cautious while waitng for first-quarter earnings.

The Dow Jones industrial averightharpoonup industrial age edged up 3.80 points to rebound is boosting corporate profits. Mr. Laux said.

Hildegard Zagorski, vice president for national sales at Prudential Securities Inc., said the market "is in a corrective phase and trading is very sluggish.

On Monday, bank shares declined on concern about possible write-offs tied to Olympia & York's financial troubles, traders said. Intelligent Electronics sank 7 to 131/2 after Merrill Lynch cut earn-

ings estimates. Intel, down 2 at 5314, continued to deteriorate amid concern about another potential threat to its computer chip franchise, this time by a small privately held concern, Cyrix

AT&T gained % to 41 on a bullish recommendation from First

IMRS Inc. gained 1% to 17 after its president projected annual revenue growth of 30 percent in an article in Barron's.

(UPI, Reuters, Bloomberg)

Yen Claws Partly Back From Recent Weakness

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The yen was the only major currency to rise against the dollar on Monday, recovering a bit from its weakness since late January despite persisting expectations

that Japan would cut interest rates. The dollar slipped to 132,925 yen, from 133.035 yen on Friday, although it strengthened against European currencies.

Last week's 134-yen level was a peak for the short term," said Hiroyuki Mano, a dealer at Hokkaido

Foreign Exchange

Takushoku Bank in Tokyo, "The U.S. economic recovery, which has been the only positive factor for the dollar, is oow losing its impact on trading," Mr. Mano said.

There was some bearish oews in the U.S. housing-starts decline for February reported on Monday, but most traders are looking forward to data later in the week for direction.

The dollar rose to 1.6460 Deutsche marks from 1.6405 DM on Friday, but it failed to hold the 1.65 level reached earlier in the day. Late in London, the dollar was quoted at 1,6525 DM.

In other late New York trading, the dollar rose to 1.5005 Swiss francs from 1.4930 on Friday and to 5.5815 French francs from

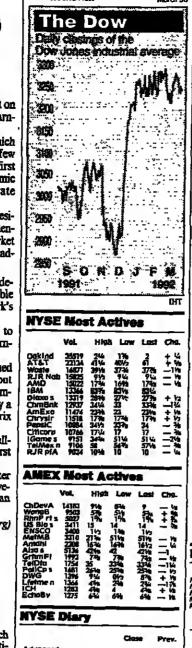
5.5670. Traders said the French franc had also suffered from political uncertainty. There is strong speculation that Prime Minister Edith Cresson would be replaced

The pound fell to \$1.7360 from. \$1.7432, and trading remained ner-vous ahead of the British election

scheduled for April 9. Currency market analysts said they were focusing on Tuesday's report on U.S. leading economic indicators for February. In January, indicators increased 0.9 percent, and predictions called for a 0.8 percent Fehruary rise.

Another important item will be the measure of consumer confi-dence as the U.S. economy attempts a recovery from the recession. Economists are expecting the Conference Board's reading on consumer confidence to rise to around 52 percent. In February, the index fell almost 4 points to 46.3, its lowest level since December 1974 when the country was mired in a deep recession, inflation was out of control and unemploy-

ment was rising quickly. Wednesday's report from the National Association of Purchasing Management and Friday's report on unemployment in March added to the uncertainty, analysts (UPI, Reuters)



Amex Diary

Ghana to Sell Gold Stake

The source, who asked not to be and hopes to raise ootput to

named, said the government hoped 670,000 ounces this year,

Previous NASDAQ Diary

ACCRA, Ghana - Ghana is to

sell off 11 percent of the stock of

Ashanti Goldfields Corp. on inter-

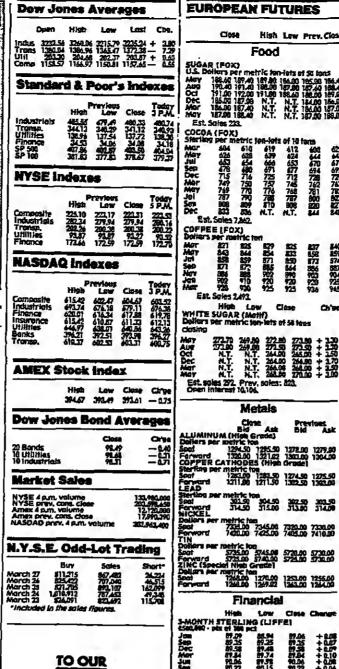
national markets, a senior source at

the Ministry of Finance and Eco-

nomic Planning said Monday. That represents one-fifth of the

government's 55 percent stake.

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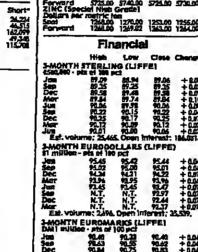
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New Home Sales Fell 2.7% in Month

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales of new U.S. homes slipped 2.7 percent in February, retreating from January's biggest advance in more than a year, the government said Monday. Still, few analysts feared any reserval

of the housing sector recession.

The Departments of Commerce and of Housing and Urban Development said sales totaled 613,000 at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, down from 630,000 a month earlier.

Sales rose only in the Northeast and fell in both the Midwest and South. They were unchanged in the West. The original 12.9 percent increase in January was revised down to 11.1 percent in Monday's report. But it still was the steepest since a 20.7 percent gain in February 1991.

Lukens to Acquire Washington Steel COATESVILLE, Pennsylvania (UPI) — Lukens Inc., the third-largest American plate-steel maker, has agreed to purchase Washington Steel

Corp. for \$280 million, the company announced Monday.

Washington Steel, a stainless-steel maker based in Washington, Pennsylvania, reported sales of \$415 million in the financial year that ended June 30, 1991. The company employs about 1,200 people at two production plants in Pennsylvania and one in Ohio, as well as seven distribution centers in the United States and Canada.

Lukens, which makes plate steel and industrial products, had sales of \$629 million last year. The 182-year-old company is headquartered outside Philadelphia in Chester County.

Fidelity Weighs Lonrho Stake Sale

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Fidelity Management & Research Co., a U.S. investment group, said Monday it was considering whether to sell its 10 percent stake in Lonrho PLC.

Lonrho is planning to sell a one-third stake in its Metropole Hotels chain to Libyan Arab Foreign Investment Co. for £177 million (\$306 million). Libya faces the possibility of UN economic sanctions over its alleged role in the Lockerbie air disaster.

Rab Bertelsen, Fidelity's spokesman, said Lonrho's decision represented "a new factor in the investment equation."

BMW Denies Report on U.S. Plant

MUNICH (Reuters) — The German carmaker Bayerische Motoren Werke AG played down Monday a press report that it planned to build a plant in the United States.

A spokesman said that BMW was still examining many different sites around the world for constructing plants but that no decision had been

made on any single site.

Automotive News, a trade journal based in Detroit, quoted BMW's chairman, Eberhard von Knenheim, as telling U.S. officials that the automaker was "80 percent" decided on building a new production facility in the United States, possibly in Anderson, South Carolina.

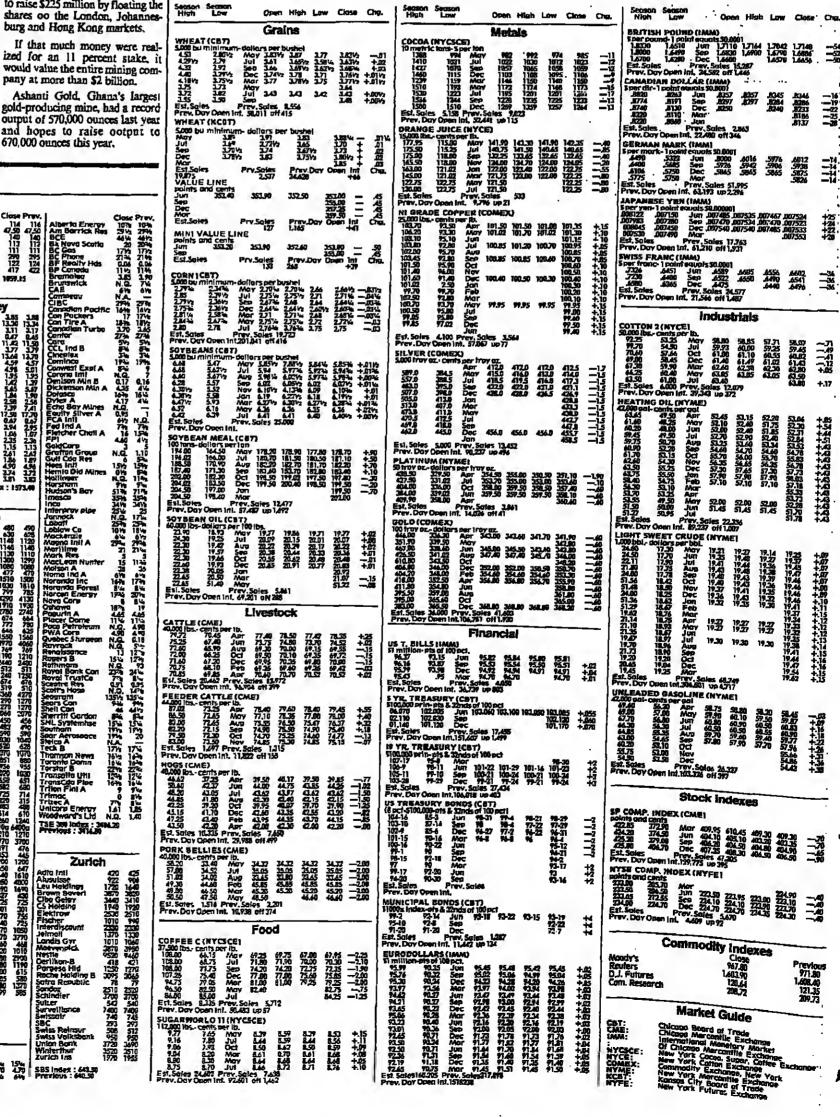
Boeing Wins \$900 Million USAir Job

SEATTLE (Combined Dispatches) — Boeing Co. said Monday that USAir had ordered 15 twinjet 757s, valued at \$900 million, and that CSA; the Czechoslovak airline, had ordered five 737s, valued at \$160 million. USAir also secured options for another 15 of the 757s from USAir. Boeing said the aircraft were included in USAir's announcement last September of its intention to acquire additional 757s for fleet expansion.
The 737-500s aircraft were first ordered by the Belgian airline Sabena, which transferred them to CSA because Sabena lacked sufficient financing. Boeing said that CSA, which currently files Tupolev 134s, is planning to replace its entire fleet with 737s.

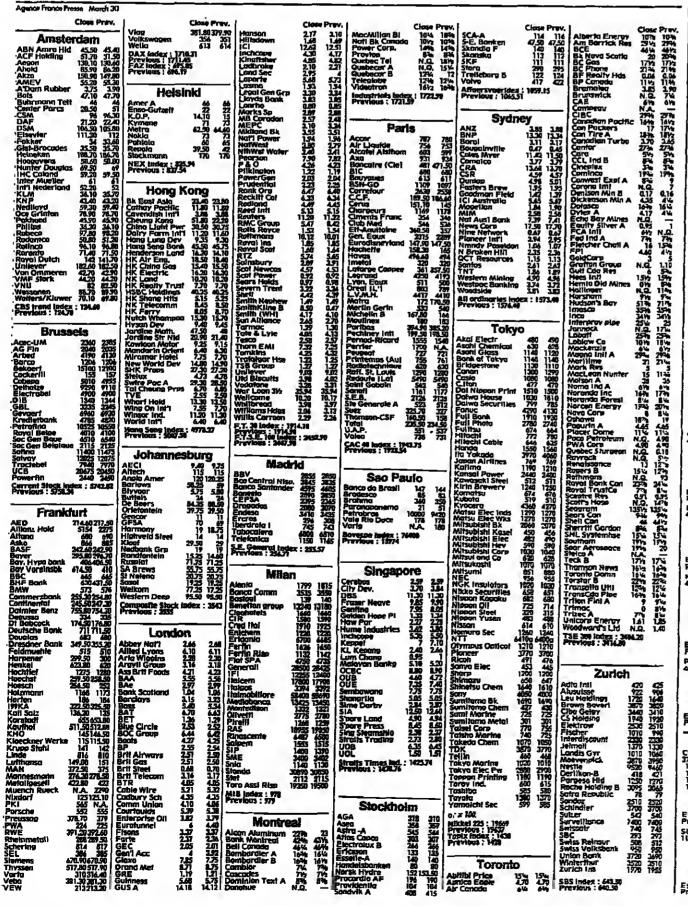
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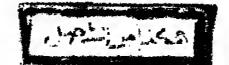
PITTSBURGH (Bloomberg) — USX Corp. and Armoo Inc. said Monday that they had agreed to sell their National-Oilwell joint venture to Empresas Lanzagoria SA of Mexico for cash and notes valued at more National-Oilwell is an oil-field machinery and equipment maker formed when units of USX and Armoo merged in 1986.

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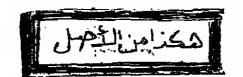


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largest bank.

Allianz holds a direct stake of 23 percent in Dresdner Bank but its actual influence is considerably

larger through a web of indirect holdings.

"We are interested in particular in Allianz because it has such a strong position in the insurance field and it has strengthened that further by expanding into Eastern Germany," said Hubertus Schön, spokesman for the cartel office.

A single of the pool of the po S beadquare Many analysts agree, ooting that Allianz has concentrated immense power through a wide array of holdings. Although other corporate giants, such as Daimler-Benz AG and Deutsche Bank, have similar ghs Lonrho Stake Sale empires, Allianz has expanded its base considerably in the last few years.

"The cartel office has long been suspicious of the power of the banks but, in order to be consistent, it is right that it keep track of the insurance industry as well," said Thomas Albrecht, an analyst with UBS/-Phillips & Drew in London.

Mr. Schon said that the most severe action the cartel office could take would be to force Allianz to cut its less than 25 percent may give the purchaser too much holding in Dresdner back to 19 percent. Allianz lifted influence in a market.

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He said a notice would be sent to both companies in firmed Monday that it was examining whether Allianz coming days informing them that an examination was AG, the country's largest insurance company, had too under way. They would then have several weeks to

> The office is concerned in particular about Dresdner Bank's ability to Isunch insurance operations of its own.

> Germany's big universal banks have pursued various banks have pursued various strategies in their recent attempts to penetrate the insurance industry. Dresdner Bank chose to team with Allianz while Deutsche Bank set up its own insurance operations.

Mr. Schön said the office was investigating, among other points, whether Dresdner Bank would have the freedom to set up its own operations if it wished as long as Allianz held such a large stake in the company. "This will not do much to cut Allianz influence in

Dresdner, where it will still be the largest shareholder.

But it is the first time Allianz has really gotten slapped and that may have B psychological effect," said Mr. Normally, the cartel office can only rule against a purchase if it involves a stake of more than 25 percent. But an amendment passed recently allows the office to overrule a purchase if it decides that a stake of even

Ex-Krupp Aide Gets Jail Term

Agence France-Presse BOCHUM, Germany -

The former chairmao nf Krupp Stahl, the main component of the German industrial conglomerate Krupp, was jailed Monday for seven-and-a-half years for bilking his firm of millions of dollars.

Alfred Goedde, 62, was sentenced at the end of a threeyear trial of three Krupp managers that saw 90 witnesses hrought before the court.

Mr. Goedde and his colleagues bought a metal-recycling company that was on the brink ni bankrupicy and signed a contract to buy scrap metal from Krupp for B fraction of its real value. The company recycled the scrap and resold it for huge profits from 1984 to 1986. Krupp's loss has been estimated at 12 million Deutsche marks (more than \$7

Continental Pays Now To Lure Investors Later

BONN - Cootiocotel AG swept the dirt out from under its sions for future restructuring to give carpets last year, but the enrorate house-cleaning that resulted in a 1991 loss is expected to position the German tiremaker for B profitable its independence after last year's 1992 that would help widen its investor base, analysts said Monday.

Continental, spurred by news reports to publish 1991 results before the planned May 21, announced a group net loss of 128 million Deutsche marks (\$77.3 million) Sunday, after a 1990 profit of 93.4 million.

The company cited high one-time costs for the loss last year but said that despite severe competition it would show solid 1992 profit. Its North American unit, General Tire Inc. was unprofitable, but Continental's figures showed it had oper-

ating income from Europe.

Analysts said Continental's chief executive, Hubertus von Grünberg, who took office in July, decided to

close a factory in Barrie, Ontario, at a high cost and created fat provihimself a clean slate for 1992.

They noted this was important because Continental was defending failed takeover bid by Pirelli SpA.

"It looks like they used the occasion of the change in management to really clean up and take all the provisions they could," said Jürgen Pieper at Deutsche Bank, adding 1991 results were in line with estimates. "But earnings look set to rise in 1992, and, by 1993, they should resume the dividend payout."

John Lawson at Nomura Research Institute said the 1991 provisions were in line with similar moves by other tiremakers. Continental is keen to report an improvement in 1992, especially since it hopes to attract long-term investors.

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Official Urges EC Airlines

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"I want to make quite clear my firm conviction that some of the

The EC Commission, the Community's executive, has not completed developing criteria for evaluating what is expected to be a

growing oumber of airline mergers.

Competition Commissioner Sir Leon Brittan takes a tougher line than Mr. Van Miert, who also warned against clamping down too mercilessly on state aid to help struggling airlines recover.

Brent Walker Returns From the Brink

LONDON — Brent Walker Group PLC, the debt-leasure and real estate company, emerged Mon-day from an 18-month struggle for survival owned Kindersley, the company's chairman. largely by its bankers.

Brent Walker said all the documents in its £1.5 billion (\$2.61 billion) debt restructuring had been signed by all parties involved.

A key feature of the restructuring is a £250 million debt-for-equity swap, which gives Brent Walker's banks a majority stake in the company.

In addition, Bent Walker has won an standstill on interest payments on its debts until 1995, with pay made in the form of new debt or preference shares. It has also consolidated the bulk of its debts into B

single term loan, to be be repaid out of asset disposals

and cash flow nr otherwise restructured by 1998.

The oews was a relief for Brent Walker's 47 banks,

"Management will now be able to focus on the next

which had anxiously watched the package tester on the brink of failure as a series of obstacles emerged. Bondholders, spearheaded by the Irish businessman

Michael Smurfit, rejected the restructuring at one point, but eventually decided not to rock the boat.

Shareholders, including the founder and deposed chief executive, George Walker, resented E deal that gave much to banks and left them virtually nothing. But they also decided there was no alternative to the bank-sponsored restructuring.

Newspapers Pull Pearson's Profit Down

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche LONDON - Pearson PLC the conglomerate that owns the Financial Times newspaper, said Monday that its pre-tax profit fell 23 percent in 1991, to £173.8 million (\$300 million), and that there were no signs of an upturn in its major markets.

Revenue grew 4 percent to £1.6 billion.

Operating profit in the pub-lishing division was quite weak, sliding 38 percent to £29.7 million. Pearson's newspaper publishing interests include the French newspaper Les Echos, 50 percent of The Economist and the regional U.K. group Westminster Press.

In the book division, which owns Penguin and Longman, operating profit climbed 7 per-cent to £59.7 million. Oil services lifted operating profit 13 percent to £34.7 million.

(Reuters, UPI)

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Very briefly:

• Lucas Industries PLC posted a 63 percent increase in pretax profit for the six months ended Jan. 31, to £90.2 million (\$155.6 million), but the gain was due to a £90 million contribution from pension-fund surplus. • Maxwell Pension Action Group will lead 4,500 retired people in E suit

against the British government in the European Court, seeking to compel it to ensure compensation for losses they suffered when the private company pension plans of Robert Maxwell collapsed. Deutsche Aerospace AG declined to confirm a British press report that it was poised to buy a controlling stake in Fokker NV.

· Rémy Martin's sale of a 20.8 percent stake in its parent, Rémy Cointreau, has been priced at 200 francs (\$35.90) a unit; a unit consists of a share and B warrant

 Sash-Scania AB's aircraft division said it would cut 500 of its 6,700 jobs because of uncertainty in the international aircraft market. Renters, AFX, AP

Veba '91 Net Was Flat, Sales Up 9%

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DUSSELDORF - The diversified German utility group Veba AG, which announced an unexpected dividend increase last week, said Mon-day that group net profit remained unchanged at 1.1 billion Deutsche marks (\$668.3 million) last year.

Sales rose 9 percent to 59.5 billion DM, from 54.6 billion DM a year

The Veba management board chairman, Klaus Piltz, said the company had introduced drastic cost-cutting measures and expected 1992 earnings to reach 1991 levels despite lower oil earnings and difficulties in its (Reuters, AFP)

Report on U.S. Plant Choras inc To Fight U.S. Competition

AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTY OF BRUSSELS — The European Community's top transport official on Monday strongly backed EC airlines' moves to join forces to fight increased competition from major U.S. carriers, predicting losses if

EC's carriers will have to join forces, at least for intercontinental traffic," said Karel Van Miert, the EC transport commissioner. "Otherwise," he added, "the slow but steady loss of market shares

on the North Atlantic will continue."

EBRD Investments at \$765 Million

LONDON — The Enropean Bank for Reconstruction and Development funded 20 projects in central and Eastern Europe totaling 621 million European currency units (\$765.3 million) since its inception almost a year ago, the lender said Monday in its first annual report.

The bank, formed to foster free-market economies in what used to be communist Eastern Europe, said it made 11 loans and three equity investments worth 427 million Ecus in 1991. In the first three months of this year, it made four loans and two equity investments worth 194 million Ecus.

Wharf is the strong possibility that Olympia & York will not be able to provide the £400 million (\$697.3 million) it promised the British government to help pay for the completion of the Jubilee suhway line. Without the completion of the

O&Y: Banks Anxiously Await the Damage Estimate (Continued from first finance page) deed, its value as collateral is al-

about £700 million on Canary Wharf and the company has invested more than \$2 billioo of its own. value will be further damaged. In- London Monday between the com-

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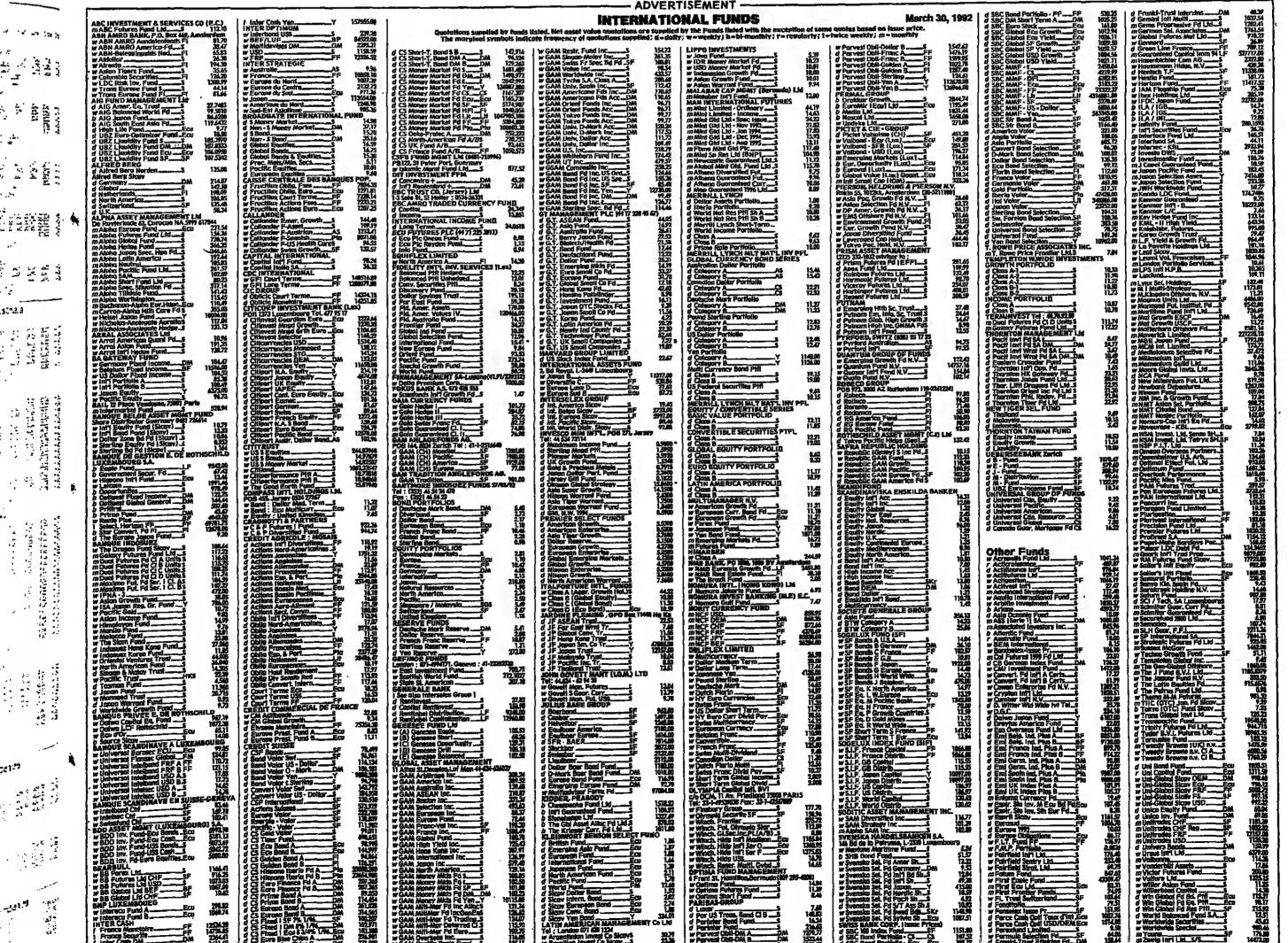
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Japan's Pump-Priming: More to Come

By Steven Brull

onal Herald Tribune TOKYO - When the government announces on Tuesday a long-awaited package of "emergency measures" to brake the slide of Japan's economy and revive business sentiment, it will be a colossal anticlimax

More than a month in the making, the package has been leaked in gory detail to the press and fully digested by the markets. It offers no new commitment of funds and has been dismissed as too little, too late to prevent further erosion of the Japanese economy or shore up its anemic financial markets and gloomy business outlook.

Yet the pump-priming measures, along with another cut in the official discount rate that is expected to follow, will constitute a clear signal that the government has ended its preoccupation with wringing out the excesses of the assetinflation spiral of the late 1980s, and has shifted its emphasis to returning the economy to a

It's an anticlimax, and given the disappointment that will generate, politicians will pressure the government into further measures," said Robert Alan Feldman, economist at Salomon Brothers (Asia) Ltd.

The package comes as calls for government action to prop up the economy are growing shriller. Two weeks ago Japanese were surprised by news that the nation's gross national

week the Tokyo stock market's main Nikkei index tumbled through the key level of 20,000 points to a five-year low. The index closed Monday at 19,669.31, up just 32.32 points.

The central feature of the government's growth package is the disbursal of 75 percent of Japan's 15 trillion yen (\$112 billion) publicworks budget in the first half of the fiscal year that begins April 1. That will translate into an extra 1 trillion yen in spending.

The package will urge power companies and Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. to advance their capital-investment spending plans. In addition, there will be measures to aid small companies with low-interest loans to invest in labor-saving equipment, and to support consumer spending and housing investment.

The other major component is the cut in the discount rate, which is likely to come Wednesday at the earliest. Most Bank of Japan watchers expect the rate will fall from 4.5 percent to 4.0. although some see a reduction to 3.75 percent.

The front-loading of three-quarters of the public-works budget in the first six months of the fiscal year amounts to an implicit commitment by the government to enact a massive supplementary budget that would maintain public spending at high levels throughout the year. Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa last Friday

product shrank 0.2 percent on an annualized acknowledged for the first time that the govern-basis in the last quarter of 1991. That same ment would consider a supplementary budget, and a sum of 5 trillion yen is being rumored.

Salomon Brothers calculates that a 5 trillion yen supplementary budget would add 1.1 percent to Japan's gross national product and help Japan realize 2.4 percent growth in GNP for fiscal 1992. That would still be far short of the government's forecast of 3.5 percent growth for the fiscal year.

That would be sufficient to buy Mr. Miyazawa a respectable reception at the annual meeting of the Group of Seven industrial na-tions in Munich in July. It would also boost the chances of his Liberal Democratic Party in tough upper house elections in late July.

The economic stimulation package is the first since 1987, when Japan sought to adjust to the appreciation of the yen against the dollar. But this year's package will be less expansionary, in part because the 1987 package went too far.

Then, as Finance Minister, Mr. Miyazawa engineered a stimulus program with 5 trillion yen in public-works spending and 1 trillion yen in tax cuts. The Bank of Japan slashed interest rates to 2.5 percent. The moves helped Japan overcome the effects of the high year, but they also sparked the asset-inflation spiral.

This time, residual inflationary pressures in the economy make it unlikely the central bank will lower rates much further

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Agnellis Acquire 5%
Of Hong Kong Firm

By Laurence Zuckerman International Herold Tribune

HONG KONG — The Agnelli group of Italy has acquired 5 percent of Guoco Group Ltd., a Hong Kong-listed banking and investment concern, from the Kuwait Investment Office, in a transaction that could lead to further expansion by the Agnellis in Asia. Guoco and Agnelli officials said Monday.

The purchase was made by IFINT, a Luxembourg-based investment company controlled by the Agnellis. Terms of the agreement were not disclosed, but at Guoco's current share price on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange the stake is valued at nearly \$25 million.

Quek Leng Chan, chairman of Guoco, said in a statement that Mario Garraffo, president and chief operating officer of IFINT, which has a market capitalization of \$1.5 billion, had been invited to ioin the Guoco board.

Mr. Quek, whose family controls Malaysia's Hong Leong Co. which in turn is Guoco's largest shareholder, said the deal would help foster Guoco's expansion in Asia, including mainland China. and form the foundation for the development of future cooperation

between Agnelli companies and Hong Leong.

"Through Guoco we shall together be able to take advantage of the industrial and other corporate activities of member companies of

the Agnelli and Hong Leong Groups," be said.

Guoco's principal assets are Dao Heng Bank, which specializes in home mortgages and trade finance and has one of the colony's largest retail banking networks, and a 53 percent share in Singaporelisted First Capital Corp., an investment company.

Until recently, Guoco, which has total assets of \$3.1 billion, attracted little attention. Then last fall, it sold a 268 million Hong Kong dollar (\$34.6 million) convertible note to Cheung Kong (Holdings) Ltd., which is controlled by the billionaire Li Ka-shing. the colony's leading investor. The note gives Cheung Kong the right to subscribe to up to 9 percent of Guoco's equity over the next three years subject to certain conditions.

The group earlier reported that profit jumped 35 percent to 138.6 Hong Kong dollars in the second half of last year.

Adsteam Slashes Net Loss But Interest Bill Still Hurts

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company announced Monday. Adsteam, which had sales of 207.41 million in the half, up from 139.71 million, said most of its businesses were trading satisfactorily but it continued to be affected by high interest costs.

A 48.7 percent-owned Adsteam associate, David Jones Ltd., a retailer, posted a first-half loss of 57.70 million dollars, while the 18.6 percent-owned Tooth & Co. had a loss of 38,49 million dollars.

Adsteam said its businesses were trading reasonably satisfactorily in the economic circumstances, except for Metro Meat (Holdings) Ltd., jointly owned with Tooth. The marine contribution was slightly lower than a year earlier. "In determining the results, no

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 Bond Corp. Holdings Ltd. reported a loss of 310.92 million Australian dollars (\$237 million) for the six months ended Dec. 31, on sales of 95.3 million dollars, and attributed the loss mainly to interest expenses

• China Harbour Engineering Co. has been awarded a contract valued at 732 million Hong Kong dollars (\$94 million) for Tung Chung development phase I, which is next to Hong Kong's planned new airport. China's first special tourism zone will be built in Zhaoqing, Guangdong

Province, over five years starting in May. • Fuji Photo Film Co. will work with General Electric Co. of the United

States on digital medical X-ray imaging systems, Fuji announced. • Kyowa Hakko Kogyo Co. has developed a drug, KF17828, to prevent and treat hyperlipemia, an ailment caused by excessive amounts of cholesterol in the blood, a Kyowa Hakko spokesman said.

 DBS Land, a Singapore property company, announced that after-tax profit for 1991 rose more than 64 percent from a year earlier to 51.15 million Singapore dollars (\$31 million), or 7.9 Singapore cents a share.

Malaysia Expects 8.7% Growth This Year

KUALA LUMPUR - Malaysia's economy is set to expand by 8.7 percent in 1992 for a fifth year of rapid growth, although the government will check inflation and infrastructure bottlenecks, the central bank said Monday.

Bank Negara said the 8.7 percent projected gain in inflation-adjusted gross domestic product would compare with a rate of 8.8 percent this year, making Malaysia one of the fastest-growing econo-

mies in the Asia-Pacific region.

Thailand had a 1991 growth rate of 7.9 percent, the bank said, while Singapore grew 6.7 percent and Indonesia, 6.3 percent

"We have been quite resilient in the past and I think we can withstand high growth if it is properly

managed," the Bank Negara governor, Jaffar Hussein, said in releasing the bank's 1991 report. The slight slippage in the projected growth rate was attributed partly to the weak economic recov-ery in Japan and the United States, Malaysia's

major trading partners.

Some analysts said that despite Bank Negara's projections, actual growth in 1992 could be slower.

"By projecting a high growth rate, people's expectations remain high," said Sanjoy Chowdhury, Merrill Lynch's chief economist for the Asia-Pacific region. "That could be the most damaging part controlling inflation."

Malaysia's inflation rate was 4.4 percent in 1991, after 3.1 percent in 1990. Bank Negara said it could rise to 4.5 percent in 1992.

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Spring Training Leaves Battered Field of Players

By Murray Chass New Yark Times Service

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona - Spring training is supposed to get players ready for the season, not set them back. But try telling that to Kent Hibek, Rob Dibble, Bob Welch, Julio Franco, Jay Howell, Dave Henderson, Trevor Wilson, Bud Black, Mike Pagliarulo and too many others.

These players have suffered injuries that have interrupted their spring training and placed their availability for the start of the major league baseball season in jeopardy. The developments, unwelcomed by the players and their teams, have forced managers to shuffle plans and look for alternative answers just in case.

Hrbek, the Minnesota Twins' first baseman, was the latest player to be set back. Sliding headfirst into third base against St. Louis, he dislocated his left shoulder and is expected to criss from two to six weeks.

Hrbek had not played first base this spring until Saturday because he was recovering from a rotator cuff problem in his right shoulder. Dibble, the Cincinnati Reds' relief ace, is expected to miss at least a month of the season because of tendinitis that developed in his right

Welch, one of the Oakland Athletics' four veteran starters, began the spring with a knee problem and has since added a strained back muscle and an inflamed tendon in the rotator cuff area of his right shoulder.

Franco, the Texas Rangers' second baseman and the American League batting champion last season, has played very little this spring because of bursitis in his right knee.

Howell, the Los Angeles Dodgers' No.1 reliever, hasn't pitched at all because of bursitis in his right shoulder. Henderson, Oakland's cen-ter fielder, has been out virtually all spring with a calf injury.

Pagliarulo, Minnesota's third baseman, is among a group of players who have sustained injuries in unusual ways. He was hit in the right ear by David West's changeup in batting practice March 6, the eardrum was perforated and be had surgery on March 17.

He is working out in Minnesota pending approval, expected this week, to fly back to Florida to resume spring training. Ricky Jordan of the Philadelphia Phillies had

his jaw broken when a batting practice line drive struck him as he was fielding grounders. He isn't expected to be able to play until late next month. Tommy Gregg of the Atlanta Braves was hit by Wade Taylor's pitch in a same against the New York Yarkars and game against the New York Yankees and wound up with a broken bone in his right hand.

Matt Keough, sitting in the dugout, was struck in the bead by a foul ball and needed brain surgery, ending his comeback attempt with the California Angels for at least three months. Geronimo Pena of the St. Louis Cardinals will miss three months with a collarbone broken

Kiwis, Il Moro Win As Semifinals Open

SAN DIEGO - New Zealand, sailing in favorable conditions, defeated series-leading Nippon by 1 minute, 43 seconds in the opening race of the America's Cup challenger semifi-

Il Moro di Venezia cruised to a 1:24 victory over Ville de Paris in Sunday's second race on the 20.03-nautical-mile Pacific Ocean course off Point Loma.

The unusually flat seas and light to moderate southwesterly breezes of 5 to 10 knots were ideal for New Zealand, the smallest and lightest of the four challenger yachts. New Zealand's clapsed time was 2 hours, 41 minutes, 40 secwas told he could begin throwing again when he is able to cough without pain.

"I thought the boats were pretty close to being even," said New Zealand's Americanborn skipper, Rod Davis.

But Nippon's skipper, Chris Dickson, a New Zealander, said the Kiwis "have got problems." "I mean, they didn't rocket away from us and we were making a lot of mistakes." Davis said. We'd be happy to go out in those same condi-

tions again."
The light conditions also were expected to favor Ville de Paris, but the French had a poor start and trailed the Italians in every leg of the eight-leg course. Il Moro, sporting a new keel, finished in 2:40:49.

It was bad day all around for the French, who also lost wincb grinder Thierry Chapper when he fell through an open hatch and broke three ribs just before the race began.

Chappet also injured himself in the 1986-87 America's Cup in Perth, Australia, and missed



The foredeck crew of Ville de Paris scrambled to launch the spinnaker as their favored yacht rounded the first mark after a poor start, then lost the race by 1 minute, 24 seconds to Il Moro di Venezia.

Yan Talk Frenchman Diver Into Hot Water

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatcher SAN DIEGO — A budget con-sultant for France's America's Cup syndicate has been arrested and fired for diving in a restricted area near the Japanese team's com-

The man, identified as Yvon Kergreis, was issued a misdemeanor citation by the San Diego police and released.

Nippon's skipper, Chris Dick. son, spotted the man, said Nippon Challenge's spokesman, Emit Minn "He didn't reply to us when we asked in English what he was doing He said something in French."

"Actually he was quite a pleasant fellow," said a police sergeant, Geraid Alton. He said that he was just curious. And he spoke English very

Le Defi Français syndicate offi-cials apologized to the Nippon team. They said that Kergreis had been dared by triends and was acting on his own.

François Giraudet, managing director of the syndicate, fired K greis and said he would be asked to return to France. "It was a crazy thing that Yvon did," said Girander. But Dickson all but accused the

French of deliberate spying.

"There was a diver under our boat, he is a French national, he is part of the French team," said Dickson. "My anthmetic is reasonable, but maybe you can add it up."

In a Dreary Prison, Tyson Faces Toughest Opponent

By Dave Anderson New York Times Service

when he reached for a ground ball, stepped on his glove and toppled onto his left shoulder.

Barry Bonds of the Pittsburgh Pirates es-

caped serious injury when Jay Bell fouled a ball

into the side of the batting cage, where Bonds was standing, and it struck him in the right eye.

cisco Giants' opening-day pitcher, found sever-al weeks ago that he had a fractured rib. Then

doctors found that a cyst had weakened the rib

Wilson, a 26-year-old left-hander, said be

"I bope that'll be sometime next week," he

said. "I know it's not now. I sneezed, and it felt

like I blew the stitches out." The Giants have already concluded that Wilson and Black will

not be ready to start the season. They placed

"I've never come into camp unhealthy, and

this is the first time I've experienced this in 13 spring trainings," Black said, adding that his injury "diminished but never went away com-

pletely, and then I aggravated it in a game. That's the frustrating part of it because I was getting close. I thought I was going to be ready for the start of the season, but now I don't know

Among other players whose spring has not blossomed are Ed Whitson, Jeff Russell, Ivan Calderon and Reggie Jefferson (elbows): Eric Davis, Tom Henke, Tom Glavine and Allan Anderson (shoulders), Alan Trammell (back).

Carlton Fisk (foot) and Don Slaught (rib cage).

both pitchers on the disabled list.

what's going to happen."

and operated to remove the cyst March 19.

Wilson, who could have been the San Fran-

PLAINFIELD, Indiana - About 15 miles west of Indianapolis, State Highway 40 moves through the neon shopping malls and weathered bomes in this town of 15,000, past the old Village movie house on Main Street and Stacey's Cafe, then up a short hill. Suddenly, a narrow metal sign appears.
"Prison Area," it warns. "Do Not Pick Up Hitchhikers."

To the left, set back from Moon Road beyond dreary empty fields in the flat farmland, a high

Vantage Point chain-link fence topped with rolls of razor-tipped barbed wire surrounds a thick

"Indiana Dept. of Corrections," a rustic sign reads, "Re-

ception and Diagnostic Center."

Somewhere inside is Mike Tyson's cell. Pending his bondappeal ruling by a three-judge state panel, he will stay here for four to six weeks to determine his level of incarceration. Maybe he'll go to the maximum-security Michigan City penitentiary not far from Chicago, maybe to one of the state's

high-to-medium-security prisons, such as the gray blue-roofed Indiana Youth Center next to where Tyson is now. Once the undisputed beavyweight champion, Mike Tyson

is now a convicted rapist sentenced to six years in prison. Wherever be's sent, steel doors will slam shut around him. Judging by conversations recently and in the past with current convicts, former convicts and various prison officials, most of whom requested anonymity, life for Mike Tyson as a jailhouse celebrity will be hard and humiliating. To the warden and to the guards, be's not even Mike

Tyson or "champ" now; be's just No. 922335 in a blue shirt and blue jeans. His swaggering stride will surely irritate some of the guards, if not some of the other prisoners. He won't get any favors. He won't be catered to. If anything, the administration might be even tougher on him, To make sure he's not getting away with anything, that he's

not doing what other prisoners aren't allowed to do. "You find people you get along with and you do your time," said James Scott, a former fighter now in Trenton for violating parole on an armed-robbery conviction. "But with Tyson's temper, the officials will put him in a position to be

Mitch Green and parking-lot attendants, Tyson could turn out to be what is known in prison as a "touch-off" guy. If anybody even touches him, be goes off like a firecracker. Most prisoners will welcome him, but sooner or later somebody will challenge him. The gunslinger syndrome. In

every prison there's always somebody who thinks he's the toughest guy on the block, the cell block. If that somebody really is tougher, at least in a prison brawl, be's really the boss of the prisoners now. But even if Mike Tyson is tougher the first time, that somebody might

try to get even with a knife or a razor or a gun. Weapons have een known to be smuggled to prisoners, for a price. When it's time for Tyson to be assigned to a prison job, look for him to be put behind the kitchen counter wearing a little white jacket. The champ serving other immates three

times a day, Humiliating. Being constantly counted by the guards is constantly humiliating. Counted in his cell. Counted to and from work

or meals. Counted to and from the yard. Counted as much as The millions Tyson made on the outside will be useless.

There's nothing to buy except candy, popcorn and potato chips on his once-a-week trip to the snack stand. No thick steaks. No liquor. No limos. No discos. No dates. None of the luxuries of his once-lavish lifestyle.

"You know what I missed most when I was in the can,"
Frankie DePaula once said. "I missed just going to the refrigerator." As a teenager, DePaula was in a reformatory, just as Tyson was before he found boxing.

Homosexual attacks are a fact of prison life, but according to Scott, that threat has decreased because of the fear of

Keeping fit won't be easy. The food is starchy. The weight room isn't always open. And in Indiana prisons, there are no

More than anything else, Tyson must now cope with the loneliness of prison. Especially at night in the solitude of his

During the day, be's kept busy. But at night, he's alone. At night, he has time to think. To think about why he's there. To think about what he's going to do when he's out of there. To think if only he could watch old boxing films of Jack Johnson or Joe Louis or Sugar Ray Robinson. Or watch videotapes of his next opponent.

But until he's paroled in 1995 at the earliest, No. 922335 is Mike Tyson's next opponent.

CHESS

By Robert Byrne

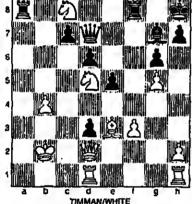
N the first round of the elite Linares International Tournament in Spain. on February 22, Gary Kasparov of Russia met the Dutch grandmaster Jan Tim-man to pick a challenger for the competition. And Timman could not cope with the extravagant sacrifices and wild machinations thrown at him.

The Saemisch Variation, 5 f3 against the King's Indian Defense, braces the white center against surprise counterattack and creates the option of O-O-O with a mating attack on the other wing or a positional pawn storm on the queenside. The system that Kasparov used in rebuttal, 6..e5, 7...Nh5 and 8...f5, was originally popularized by the German grandmaster Wolfgang Uhlmann in the 1950s; by readying a pawn avalanche on the kingside, Black discourages White from castling there.

Ubimann bas always played 10...Ndf6; after 11 ef gf 12 Nge2 Kh8 13 Bg5 Qc8 14 Rhe1 Bd7, there is, bowever, the danger that White can build to an attack with 15 g3, 16 h3 and 17 g4. Kasparov's alternative, 10...Nc5 11 Bc2 .a6, both aimed for a counterattack with 12 Nge2 b5 and provoked Timman to

seize queenside space with 13 b4.

Because the white king position was loosened, it would have been safer for Timman to keep it as closed as possible with 13...Nd7 14 c5. But he preferred to get activity for his pieces with 14 cb ab 15 Nb5 Ra2 16 Nec3.



Position after 25 Nc8

On 18...fe 19 Nc6 Qd7, there were some problems about what Timman should bave played. The immediate recapture with 20 fe lets Black play 20. Ng4, either exchanging off the important white queen bishop or else obtaining strong play with 21 Bg1 Bh6. Also, the immediate recapture with 20 Ne4 lets Black play 20...Ba6, the thought being to continue with either ...Bc4,

In delaying the recapture in favor of interpolating 20 g4 Nf4, Timman under-estimated the effect of allowing a black

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knight to reach such a nice outpost as f4. THE LOST UPLAND - .

By W. S. Merwin. 307 pages. \$22. Alfred A. Knopf Inc., 201 East 50th Street, New York, New York 10022.

Reviewed by Richard Eder

WHAT is being lost in France's southwest uplands is the past. But with clear superiority for Black. In this same line, 23 Nd5 Kh8 24 fe might have been the best Timman could have done, W. S. Merwin's marvelous book of sbeep grazers, walnut harvesters, plum glean After 22 Nd5 Nd3 23 Bd3 ed, Timman ers, an itinerant wine merchant a traveling distiller, a priest with skin-itch, a nocould have tried the tricky 24 Qc3, intending to meet 24...e4 by 25 Nf6.But he played 24 Nee7 Kh8 25 Ne8 and ran into account count and others gives us a loss that is so gradual and richly disputed that it has the aftertaste of triumph. It is Kasparov's crushing 25...04! Since 26 Nf6 Rf6! 27 gf Bf6 28 Kb3 is terminated an evocation, not an obituary.

Merwin, a singular poet, lived for a number of years in the stony and beautiful region of the upper Dordogne. He no longer does, and he has waited to write this book. The comparison with aging wine is too obvious, but that is precisely what has happened with his memory and his imagination.

The three long sections of "The Lost Upland" are fictional, but there are facts in every line, or echoes or projections of facts. Each section bas a leading story. In "Foie Gras," it is the schemes and connivances of a proken-down nobleman; in "Shepherds," it is a farmer whose runaway sheep are killed by a train; in "Blackbird's Summer." it is the efforts of an aging wine merchant to find someone to carry on the traditions of his business. But these themes are trawler nets: each brings in other characters and stories.

Merwin rambles deliberately, telling part of a story, digressing, digressing from the digression, inserting another story and coming back to the first.

The heart of the book that has so much heart is its middle section. "Shepherds" begins with the deceptive matter-of-factness. The narrator has bought an upland farmhouse and is gradually restoring the overgrown vegetable garden. It is slow. patient work, and the work and the days are beautifully described. At first it is solitary; then, bit by bit, there are the approaches from the neighbors, shy or distrustful, then gradually helpful, and finally companionable. Bit by bit the narrator learns about the

uplands life and the struggle to maintain it. Out of this variegated picture emerges the tragedy of Monsieur Vert, the neighbor. One night, his sheep find a gap in the fence and wander down to the railroad track. Forty are killed: many others are mangled. Vert is not ruined but he is shattered. "They were like flowers." he laments. There is a wake at his house. The veterinarian comes, sympathizes and does what he can; he also sternly warns Vert that be must burn the bodies immediately or he fined. The butcher comes; be sympathizes, accepts a brandy and offers half-price for the meat.

Life has its rights in this passing France, and the things of life have their rights as well. In the uplands. Merwin tells us, all hard bargaining - Vert's and the butcher's, for instance - begins with the words "We'll come to an agreement." What life demands is not justice. Everyone has his own, after all. What life demands is a settlement, however pain-

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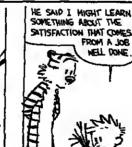




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But one may guess that he was shocked in to wakefulness when the champion

responded to 21 g5 by sacrificing a knight with 21...N6d5!?

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wins outright for Black) Nf4! 25 Bf4 Bb3

but he would still he a pawn down.

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KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

White

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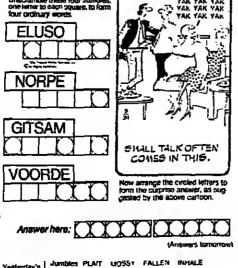


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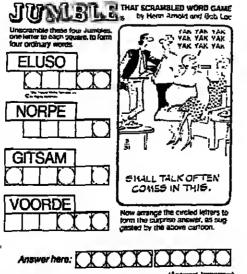




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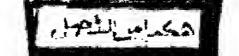
WIZARD of ID FOOR HAROLO ... HE TRIED SO HARD TO KEEP IN SHAPE KILLED HIM ?



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SPORTS BASKETBALL

Can Talk of High-Stake Bets Bring Michael Jordan Low?

By Harvey Araton
New York Times Service

NEW YORK - His face is on Wheaties boxes, breakfast of gravity-defying champions. He is the centerpiece for worldwide, multimillion-dollar advertising campaigns of Gatorade and McDonald's. The shoe manufacturer, Nike, has treated him as if he created not only the trendy basketball shoe but

He has become as much an American symbol of excellence as he is a great basketball player. But now, after reports linking Michael Jordan to high-stakes wagering on golf and card games, people close to the Chicago bulls star worry that his flight to unchartered popular heights may soon begin to

"The Michael Jordan I'm hearing and reading about now is not the Michael Jordan I know," said Fred Whitfield, a Greensboro, North Carolina, attorney who considers himself part of Jordan's small and private inner circle. "Just a couple of weeks ago, I arranged for Michael to visit a dying child in Atlanta, and now I bear these people say: 'He shouldn't have bothered to

An editorial in a Greensboro newspaper that Whitfield read last The NBA star's week suggested that Jordan's image insulated world has had been irreparably tarnished. "And this is his home state," Whit- been jolted with a

At a time when Jordan is achiev- second wave of ing his greatest success on the court, his image, marketed purposefully and aggressively by Pro-Serv Inc., has withstood a series of minor controversies: his decision not to attend a team White House

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reception with President George Bush in October, a current book that at times characterizes him as self-centered, and recent squabbles over licensing rights with the National Basketball Association and the U.S. Olympic team.

gambling.

But then Jordan's insulated world was meaningfully joited with a second wave of reports of his gambling at his vacation home in Hilton Head, South Carolina. In December 1991, a \$57,000 check that Jordan wrote to James (Slim) Bouler, an amateur golfer and convicted drug dealer from Charlotte, was confiscated by federal agents who suspected Bouler of winning the money and planning to evade paying income tax. Bouler and Jordan asserted that it was a loan, and the check

On March 19, checks totaling \$108,000 surfaced through a Gastonia, North Carolina, attorney, Michael Gheen, who claimed that Jordan had repaid golf and poker debts to his deceased client, Eddie Dow, a Gastonia businessman, and three others. The day after the reports appeared, Jordan cautioned reporters that they should not compare him to Pete Rose, who was banished from baseball for betting on his own sport. Jordan has since been asked by the NBA oot to comment pending a league inquiry.

A person familiar with the golf games Jordan played with Bouler and others last year, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the stakes ranged from \$1,000 to \$3,000 a hole. But this person said that Jordan appeared to crave the competition more than the high of the bet and added, "He just has so much money that it doesn't mean anything to him if he loses."

Those close to Jordan, who is from Wilmington. North Carolina, say that the story has been blown out of proportion, that wagering on golf and cardplaying is universally practiced and that too high a iffestyle standard is being set.
"He's a great basketball player and can sort of

fly," said Gene Silverberg, a Chicago clothing retailer who is a friend, business partner and occasional poker partner of Jordan's. "But he's human.

Sorry, everybody."
Although Jordan has likely engaged in other high-stakes games that have remained private, his

friends insist he has no gambling obsession and does not engage in steady games. Like many people, they said, he enjoys a friendly wager on the golf course or a trip to a casino in Las Vegas. With earnings estimated at upward of \$15 million a year,

the can afford to wager more than most.

"The money is irrelevant; it's the competition that he loves," said Silverberg. "When he plays cards, he competes like mad, whether it's for what someone would consider a lot of money or for half-dollars. "I would bet that whatever stakes he was playing

"I would bet that whatever stakes he was playing golf for down there were set by the other gays. Once someone says, 'Let's play for this,' how can Michael Jordan, given his wealth, say no?"

These prearranged golf dates, made through mutual acquaintances, are also forms of recreation where Jordan can participate without being harassed. Silverberg has known the basketball player given 1984. Lordan's modes server, but not made

since 1984, Jordan's rookie season, but not until October 1991 was Silverberg struck by what it really means to be Michael Jordan.

Jordan and the Bulls were in New Orleans for an exhibition game, the night before the Chicago Bears of the National Football

League were to play the New Or-leans Saints. Silverberg leaped at the chance to see both home teams plus have a night out in the French Quarter with his friends on the defending NBA champion Bulls, like Jordan and Phil Jackson, the Bulls'

"They were all out there, up and down Bourbon Street, no prob-lem," said Silverberg. "All except Michael. He was afraid of the whole scene he knew he would create, of who he might attract. I

thoughthat was sad. Yondon't think he wanted to go out? He knew be couldn't." Jordan, Silverberg said, stayed in his room, keeping the door between the legend and his largely adoring public shut. But the door does not remain closed forever and the corporate press release cannot satisfy questions the public may oow have about with whom Jordan shares his private recreation.

Jackson said Jordan is "entitled to his private life." But he also said that Jackson realizes that deriving income from being a marketing phenomenon carries enormous responsibility and risk.
"It's like the Gatorade 'I want to be like Mike'

campaign. Whoever thought it up, it's brilliant. But it's geared to kids. Michael's life has to somehow live up to this now. That's the price."

Other athletes at the top who at one time ap-peared untouchable, from Pete Rose to Magic Johnson to Mike Tyson, have painfully discovered the fragility of their goodwill empires. In marketing perception is reality.

We know most golfers bet on games," said

Sergeant P.J. Tanner of the Sheriff's Department of Beaufort County, South Carolina. "You can't police that. But we do get concerned when it's large large sums of money being bet. There's a good chance that someone's going to be connected to organized crime, and that means there's a good chance that someone can get hurt.

"At the very least, a guy like Michael Jordan is an

ideal target for people who make a living by gambling. He's going to wind up getting hustled or being in a bad light." Or both, as seems to be the case in the games with Bouler, Chapman, and Dow.

"These guys are saying they're friends of Mi-chael's, but I would have heard of them if they were, and I've never heard of them," said Whitfield. A former basketball player for Campbell College, Whitfield met Jordan 11 years ago when, as a high school senior, Jordan attended a camp at the school.

"Michael's a six or seven handicap and he's always looking for guys who are a two or three handicap, said Whitfield. "He's looking for the challenge, the competition.

"Michael's problem, I think, may be that he

doesn't ask for a résumé."



Freshman forward Chris Webber, who finished with 23 points and 11 rebounds, could not be stopped by Ohio State's Jim Jackson.

Michigan's 5 Freshmen Too Tough for Ohio State

when Rose scored seven points and

the Wolverines pulled to a 37-31

Ohio State tried to negate Webber's

and Howard's height - they are

lapse until the game was over as Rose, who finished with 20 points, found himself smothered under an

After three consecutive Michi-

gan turnovers in a span of 3:12 of

the second half, Ohio State went

adoring pile of teammates.

quick Webber and Howard.

lead at halftime.

nine turnovers.

By Timothy W. Smith New York Times Service

LEXINGTON, Kentucky -- A day earlier, Jalen Rose, Michigan's freshman guard, had been asked when he and the other four freshman starters for the Wolverines realized that they were a semifinalcaliber team in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's basketball tournament.

Rose recoiled, his face breaking into a semiscowl.

"We realized from Day I that we were a Final Four team," Rose said defiantly. "You guys are just now realizing that we're a Final Four

The Wolverines' youthful confi-dence paved the way for reality Sunday as Michigan defeated Ohio State, 75-71, in overtime in the final of the NCAA's Southeast Regional to advance to the Final Four in Minneapolis later this week. The five Michigan freshmen scored 73

of the 75 points. On Saturday, the Wolverines (24-8) will play Cincimnati (29-4), which defeated Memphis State, 88-57, in the Midwest Regional final. It will the first time that a team with an all-freshman starting lineup will have played in the Final

Wolverines lost to the Buckeyes this season, Michigan sowed the seeds of its own demise. In their last meeting for instance, the Wol-verines had a five-point lead but lost after Ohio State scored eight manswered points.

With more at stake this time, the five freshman starters appeared from a tie at 57 to a 61-57 lead with

took the court, and proceeded to gave Michigan an opportunity to play in that manner, making the Buckeyes look inexperienced. "We were down by

We were down by four points, and we just stopped them. I don't know how," said Michigan's coach, Steve Fisher. "If we had gone down The two teams played to a near standstill for much of the first half, but Michigan began to gain an edge in the last four and a half minutes,

by six points then, we would have been in real trouble." The Buckeyes could have gone up by seven, but Chris Jent missed a 3-point shot. The Wolverines tied at 61, after Rose pulled up for a 10foot jumper with 3:04 to play and when Webber got free inside for a

The Buckeyes appeared to be unable to keep forward Chris Webber, who finished with 23 points and 11 rebounds, and center Juwan Howard away from the basker. dunk with 1:52 left. Ohio State took the lead again on Jamaal Brown's 18-foot jump shot with 59 seconds to play, but Michi-gan tied when Webber put back one of Rose's missed shots.

both 6 feet, 9 inches (2 meters) — by putting 7-foot center Bill Robin-son in the game. But Robinson With 30 seconds to go and oo timeouts left, Ohio State came wasn't fast enough to counter the Ohio State's star, guard Jim Jackson, got off to a quick start, scoring the Buckeyes' first two bas-kets, but he cooled off for much of down and Jackson drove the lane. He tried to get the ball to a team-mate along the baseline, but Rose tipped it and time ran ont in regulathe first half. And unlike in the tion as the Buckeyes tried to consemifinal against North Carolina,

trol the loose ball.

In overtime, Michigan, playing like the more experienced team, quickly took a 70-65 lead in the Jackson this time could not lift his team when it needed him. Although he scored 20 points, they didn't come at crucial times, and he had first three minotes on an 18-foot jump shot by Rose, a 3-point basket by guard Jimmy King and two free throws by Rose. Ohio State In the second half, with Ohio State pressing and trapping, the Wolverines had every opportunity could not rally as its 3-point shots to crumble. But they didn't colmissed the mark.

Earlier, in Kansas City, Missonri, Herb Jones, a powerful forward, had been fearless, diving for loose balls and setting the aggressive tempo for Cincinnati throughout the game. He grabbed 13 rebounds (no Memphis State player got more than 4), made 9 of 13 shots and loose and comfortable when they 4:07 to play. A television timeout scored a game-high 23 points.

As Injuries Hit Italy

MACEIO, Brazil — Jaime Oncins of Brazil won his second singles match Monday to eliminate Italy, 3-1, in the best-of-five Davis Cup quarterfinals when Stefano Pescosolido of Italy had to abandon the match with a leg cramp in the second game of the fourth set.

Oncins was leading, 6-4, 6-3, 3-6, and held a 1-0 edge in the set.

ment for the injured Omar Camporese, who was unable to play because of an arm problem.

deliberately served a series of double faults to finish the second game. He screwed up his face in pain as he was surrounded by anxious teammates, then received medical attention.

one-minute break, the umpire announced that Brazil had won by default

match, which had become meaningless. (Reuters, AP)

Brazil now advances to the semifinals against Switzerland, which eliminated defending champion France. The United States, which advanced past Czechoslovakia when Andre Agassi played savior with a bravura performance against Karel Novacek, winning by 7-6 (6-5), 6-0, 6-0, will play Sweden in the other

Pescosolido, who was barely able to walk.

After he failed to return to the court after a The team captains decided to skip the fifth

NHL's 75-year history and would effect the final 30 games of the regular season. The

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Brazil Gains Semis NHL Players Delay Deadline for Vote But Say Strike Is Certain Wednesday

TORONTO — The Nadonal Hockey League Players Association delayed its strike Monday, pushing the deadline back until Wednesday, to allow a vote on management's latest offer. But the union's pe-

gotiating committee unanimously recom-

mended that it be rejected. During a news conference that began about 40 minutes before the original deadline of ooon eastern standard time, the head of the union, Bob Goodenow, said the extension was made because "the overall feeling was to allow the players the oppor-

tunity to vote on the offer. Asked if there was a chance players would accept the offer, Goodenow said: "I can't imagine that.

"I think they will certainly listen to what the oegotiating committee is urging them to

consider," Goodenow said. "I think it could be a long strike."

He added: "We wanted the players to understand it wasn't just threatening the Stanley Cup playoffs, but might jeopardize

the start of next season." The strike, which would begin at 3 P.M. Wednesday, would be the first in the

The previous collective bargaining agreement expired Sept. 15, and on March 20 the union set its original deadline for a walkout. The confrontation appeared inevitable after NHL owners met Sunday for seven hours in Chicago and rejected the union's latest proposal.

According to a source who spoke on the condition of anonymity, the union proposed a two-year deal that would have lowered the age for free agency from 31 to 30, but gave teams the right to match offers. The source said many of the other terms of the current contract would have been con-

The owners instead supported the oneyear offer of their negotiating committee. That would cover only the rest of the current season.

"There were no changes in the contract offer," the league's president, John Ziegler, said Sunday night. "All that took place today was a report back to the boa make sure they understood what had been offered in the negotiations."

"No further negotiations are planned."

Stanley Cup playoffs, in which the most of the money goes to the owners of the now and if there isn't one by Wednesday there will certainly be a strike."

Ziegler said late Sunday he was willing to continue the talks. "If further discussions can help," he said,
"I am ready, willing and able to travel

Along with considering the players' proposal, owners also discussed contingency

plans for a strike. "We talked about all the things that

might happen with the strike," Ziegler said. "But there comes a time when we run out of

million this season, but the players say the teams will earn a total of about 524 million.

"It doesn't make any sense for the owners to lie about the oumbers," said William Wirtz of the Chicago Blackhawks, who is chairman of the board of governors. "These

are very serious economic issues." When talks started last summer, the owners were seeking a four-year contract and the players wanted a three-year deal.

"We'd be crazy to sign a one-year deal," said Jeremy Rocnick, a center for the

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Carles, 6-4, 6-4, 3-4, 6-3; Maurice Ruha, Venezuela, del.
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SIDELINES

Stockholm Police Hero Is No Longer STOCKHOLM (AP) - Olof Gustavsson, the Stockholm police officer responsible for the mass arrest of 101 rioting English soccer fans prior to a World Cup qualifier in 1989, was fined for malfeasance Monday.

A district court found Gustavsson, guilty of illegal arrest when he rounded up fans who rampaged through Stockholm's shopping district on Sept. 6, 1989. The court said the police should have investigated each

case individually to establish whether a crime had been committed. Love Wins Players Championship

PONTE VEDRA, Florida (NYT) - Davis Love 3d, starting three strokes behind leader Nick Faldo, shot five-under-par 67, the lowest round, to win the Players Championship by four strokes over the second-place foursome of Tom Watson, Ian Baker-Finch, Phil Blackmar and Faldo. Fred Couples, who began Sunday four shots behind Faldo after a course-record 63 on Saturday, carded 74 to tie for 13th. In the Sony Ranking, Couples lost the No. 1 position he had held for a week to Faldo.

For the Record

Kristi Yamaguchi of the United States, the Olympic gold medalist, won the women's title at the World Figure Skating Championships, Teammate Nancy Kerrigan was second, with Lu Chen, 15, of China third. (AP) Tex Schramm, the former president and general manager of the NFL Dallas Cowboys, was in serious condition Monday after quintuple bypass

The New Orleans Saints matched Detroit's \$5.6 million contract offer for Pat Swilling, retaining the three-time Pro-Bowl linebacker who accepted the Lions' three-year contract offer last week. Hakeem Olajuwon, the suspended All-Star center of the NBA Houston Rockets, said Monday he will return for the rest of the season, but said he

wants to be traded before next season begins. Security officials for the Barcelona Olympics said Monday they would not relax their vigilance despite the arrest in France of key leaders of the Basque separatist movement ETA, which has vowed to make the Games a

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ART BUCHWALD Feminizing Bad News

dismal economic sea. But they have been smart enough to keep their distance from any bad news that could affect management. They are doing this by appointing women to be their spokespersons. I was put on to this by Raquel Holzman, a corporate headhunter who supplies upscale help to

corporations. While male openings are down," she told me, "I'm getting many calls for

females as company spokesper-

"Why the sudden demand Buchwald for women?" My guess is because the situation is so dismal, most company

executives feel that they can soften the blow by having women announce il. "It sounds sexist to me," I said.
"It prohably is," Holzman
agreed. "But I haven't met one woman who doesn't want the job. My theory is that when a woman is

sent out in froot of the television

cameras and announces that her

firm just lost the farm, the audience

Columbus Letter Fetches \$322,000

The Associated Press ARIS -A translation of a 500year-old letter written by Christopher Columbus recounting his discovery of the New World fetched 1.8 million francs (about \$322,000) Monday at the Drouot auction house. Auctioneer Jacques Taian said the six-page document in Latin was purchased by an American whom he did not identify.

Columbus wrote the letter on Feb. 15, 1493, to Luis de Sant Angel, chancellor of the exchequer of Aragon, while still aboard the Santa Maria as it sailed homeward.

The Vatican was pleased to learn that the natives were "well-disposed to our holy faith" and had the letter translated into Latin from Spanish in the hope of recruiting missionaries. About 25 copies are known to exist worldwide, most in American and European libraries.

WASHINGTON — Most company executives have not figured out how to correct course in a thinks of her as their mother or girlfriend. Instead of focusing on the bad news, they're all asking. 'What's a nice girl like her doing with a company like that?

> "Isn't it possible that a female spokesperson is as capable as a male one when it comes to handing out bad news?"

Holzman replied, "We're not talking about merit. Whether you like it or not, news delivered by female employees of a company sounds less ominous. This is especially true if a company has just been fined for sabotaging spare parts for the Defense Department. stealing the life savings of widows and orphans and polluting a city's botanical gardens with uranium

vaste filings. "I had a client, Naomi Sue Siebert, who got a joh as a press secretary for a company indicted for using the employees' pension fund to bail out bad investments they made in pork belly futures."

"Naomi must have been very proud of herself." I said.

"Woman spokespersons are better than men because they use their heads. Two weeks ago I sent a client, Lynda Burnett, to fill a position with a drug company. The company had been making a tranquilizer that caused people to throw themselves in front of a truck. Lynda had hardly got her desk in order when someone told her that '60 Minutes' was at the

gate.
"'Let them in,' Lynda said, 'I'm
not afraid of Mike Wallace.' Her
assistant whispered, 'It's oot Mike Wallace - it's Andy Rooney. Apparently they want to hring you to

your knees. "Well, this little girl thought fast and ordered all the doors locked and the phooes taken off the hooks. It was the first time that a spokesperson refused to speak to Andy Rooney. The drug company was so pleased with the way Lynda han-dled the matter that they made her a vice president. They put her in charge of a scandal involving a sleeping pill that made people think they were Elvis Presley."

"Where is Lynda now?" "She's in charge of defending the company's violations of sexual harassment in the workplace. It looks so much better on television when a woman is doing it."

A Daughter's Painful Quest

By Joan Dupont PARIS - It was 50 years ago that 75,000 members of I France's Jewish community were rounded up and

routed off to the camps; couples were separated, parents plucked one by one removed from their children.

Elisabeth Gille was 5 years old when her mother, Irene Nemirovsky, was arrested. A hrilliant and celebrated novelist, who also wrote a biography of Chekhov, Nemirovsky, born in Kiev, had emigrated to Paris after the Russian Revolution. On July 17, 1942, she was sent to Auschwitz with a convoy of 809 men and 119 women; there were only 18 survivors and she was not among them.

In a forgetful world, Elisabeth Gille has set out to discover this woman she hardly knew. She had to make her mother up out of figments, photos and texts, and the memories of others. "Le Mirador," her first book, is an uausual biography, written in the first person. "I couldn't have done it as a conventional biography," she says. A slight woman with a deep melodious voice, Gille sits

in a grand new office at Julliard Editions where she has recently been camed director. She describes herself as a child of American literature who began her career as a translator. In "Le Mirador," she uncovers, like a nest of Russian dolls, a rare mother-daughter story.

There was no information on my mother's early life: I only knew where she was born, where she lived, and that in the middle of the revolution she was reading The Picture of Dorian Gray.' Of course I had her books, but they're

Gille describes her mother's fairyland childhood in Kiev, in a hig house protected by linden trees that separated Jews of the high streets from the poor relatives and pogroms. The family moved to St. Petersburg, a splendid playground for a small child, with its vistas on the Neva, tea parties and palaces.

"It was fun to write. I let myself go, inspired by photo albums of imperial St. Petersburg." But Bolshevik uprisings sent the Nemirovskys to Moscow, and finally into flight through Finland.

Upon arriving in Paris, they were assimilated with White Russian émigrés and treated like royalty in exile. Irène, an only child, wan and asthmatic, was adored by her banker father, rejected by her mother. Fanny Nemirovsky, a vain woman, with young lovers, hated being reminded of her age.
Bernard Grasset published Irene's novel "David

Golder" in 1926, when she was a young married woman of 26 and had just given hirth to her first child. This portrait of a ruthless banker and his vain wife created a sensation. Another cruel masterpiece was a novella, "Le Bal," which satirized a social-climbing couple. The young writer was fèted, doted on by the elders of the French Academy. befriended by the beautiful literati - Jean Cocteau, Sacha Guitry. In stage and screen versions of "David Golder," the actor Harry Baur made a memorable Golder.

Gille describes the glittering premiere of the play, with Nemirovsky père, mère, and paramour in the audience. When David Golder lies in the throes of a heart attack, his greedy wife goes through his pockets, and people turned to stare at Fanny, decked out in white satin and diamonds: She got it; she understood then that she was that character, and she never forgave her daughter."

Gille says she finished the second part of her book, the writer's banishment and final exile, quickly because it was painful. "Being Jewish meant nothing to my mother — she wasn't religious and she didn't identify. It was something archaic, connected to the pogroms, Russian barbarism.
France was the country of the rights of man."





Elisabeth Gille (above) has reconstructed the life of her mother and her grandmother (shown in Russia at right).

But barbarism came to France. Irene's father saw the signs and left for America, begging the young couple to follow, as did her husband's uncle, the psychoanalyst Alfred Adler.

'She simply didn't take the threat seriously. But I think you couldn't have the same idea of your Jewish identity before the camps and after. Sitting here today, I can look at certain literary figures and spot the ones who would turn collaborator, but I have knowledge of the past my mother didn't have. And I pay attention to the parallels between the '90s and the '30s; I've pointed them up in my book."

Even before the Nazi ban forbade Jews to publish, Grasset withdrew Nemirovsky's books. Jean Fayard refused to pay her the full fee on a contract, saying she was lucky to have gotten anything. "Nobody behaved very well in publishing during the war - only Albin Michel stood by her,"

The writer was dropped by her Parisian friends, isolated and without means of making a living. Her father died of a heart attack; her mother was living it up on the inheritance in Nice and wasn't about to help. With her husband, Michel Epstein, and their two daughters, she moved to a country village. In the summer of 1941, she invited Julie Dumot, her father's secretary, to live with them, and take care of the children in case things should get worse.

"Even then, my parents had no notion what the camps really were, they thought they were work camps, like the ones the French had for Spanish refugees. When my mother was arrested, my father dreamed of joining her—he wrote Alhin Michel that he wanted to offer himself up in exchange for his wife, who was asthmatic and oot up to

When the French police came for Michel Epstein, "he was happy, until he found out we children were arrested too - it had never occurred to him."

Flisabeth and her sister Denise were saved by a German officer at the police station. "He showed Julie a photo of his daughter, who was blonde like Denise, saying, 'My little girl is the same age - take the children home and bring them back in the morning." That night, they went into hiding-

After the war, Dumot took the girls to their grandmother, but the old lady would not let them in. "The eldest has pleurisy," insisted Dumot. "There are sanatoriums for poor children," came the reply from the woman, who never forgave her daughter and lived to the age of 102. Gille was separated from her sister, and raised in a

Catholic family who wanted to wipe out her past: "They thought it was my only salvation. I was a tough child. They were very strict about what was suitable for a young girl — my mother's books were not considered suitable." In secret, she read the books, and in secret, she went to see "Nuit et brouillard," Alain Resnais's film on the concentration camps. Only then, in 1956, did she realize that her parents would never return, and that she had been waiting for them.

"There are strange repercussions when you don't have roots," Gille reflects. "You don't believe you can have a child; I had to raise my daughter without a model, never knowing if my reactions were normal and when you outlive your mother, very early, you feel older. Now I am older — it's as if my mother has become my child."

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'Hudson Hawk' Reaps A Crop of Raspberries

"Hudson Hawk" won three top prizes, but star Bruce Willis and the film's producers probably don't want to crow about them. The film won Razzies, the spoof awards of the Golden Raspherry Award Foundation, for worst picture, worst screenplay and worst director of 1991. Sean Young won twice: worst actress, as the twin who survives in the romantic thriller "A Kiss Before Dying," and worst supporting actress, as the twin who is murdered. Kevin Costner, the star of "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves," was named worst actor.

The composer Mikis Theodorakis, 66, has resigned his post as a minister without portfolio in the Greek government to pursue his musical career, a government spokesman said.

In Miami, an indecent exposure charge against the playwright Ed-ward Albee has been dismissed. Albee's attorney argued that the playwright was merely rinsing sand out of his swimming tranks when he was arrested on a Florida beach on Jan.

The malpractice lawsuit filed over the death of Andy Warbol was set-tled for \$2.95 million, a law firm involved in the case revealed in court papers when it filed a claim for legal work. Warhol died at New York Hospital on Feb. 22, 1987,

Grace Jones has filed for bankruptcy in New York. Jones listed total assets at \$338,000 and liabilities at \$1.6 million. About \$1 million of her debt is taxes owed to the Internal Revenue Service and New York state. The Jamaican-born singer describes herself as a self-employed entertainer and the single parent of a 12-year-old son.

The Pittsburgh Symphony conductor Lorin Maazel, 62, will become chief conductor of the Bavarian state radio orchestra starting next year, a spokesman for the station said. Mazzel is to replace British conductor Sir Colin Davis, who has been with the orchestra for 10 years. Davis, 64, will continue to

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